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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
JONESBORO HEIGHTS

*The church was divinely established:* “Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone; in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the spirit.”

EPH. 2: 20-22

*Christ is the head of the church:* “The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner.”

Ps. 118:22

“Ye call me Teacher (Master) and Lord; and ye say well for so I am.”

JOHN 13:13

*The great commission which Christ gave to his church* was and is: “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

MATT. 28:19



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## JONESBORO METHODIST CHURCH



*Perspective by W. L. Bishop*

LOCATION—The Jonesboro Methodist Church, located on the west side of the town of Jonesboro, from which it derives its name, is well located geographically—its location being in the center of the State and in a fine agricultural area. The wisdom in the selection of the location of this church is seen not only by the several roads leading to it, but also, by the relation of the location to the other Methodist Churches in this section.



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SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

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*MY CHURCH*

My Church is such a friendly place to pray  
Its doors are always open; welcoming me,  
I like to go early in the morning light  
Feeling the need of closeness to my God,  
Or to offer thanks for many generous blessings,  
That have been mine throughout the darksome night;  
And when I kneel in quiet solitude,  
To talk to Him who understands and cares,  
I feel the peace of joy, I feel forgiveness  
That comes from my confessions to my God.  
At times it seems I hear the heavenly choir  
As I await for guidance for my day,  
In this beloved and sacred Sanctuary  
That has meant God to many through the years.

—Daisy Kelly Cox.



## FOREWORD

BISHOP FRANCIS ASBURY, the pioneer bishop of American Methodism, prophesied that the American Methodists would become "a numerous and wealthy people" and that prophecy has been fulfilled. He also expressed a fear that the future Methodists might forget about the struggles, hardships and privations of the pioneer Methodists in America and now that fear seems to be justified. There are thousands of Methodists in America who are ignorant of the history of their church. It is not surprising then that many of them are unable to be real Methodists.

I am, therefore, very happy when any of our preachers, laymen or lay women write the histories of our local churches. I have always been interested in study of American history but no phase of our American saga possesses the romance, the heroic element, the interest and the inspiration that is found in the record of Methodism.

We are all indebted to Mrs. L. P. Cox for preparing the history of our Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church. Mrs. Cox has given us the thrilling story of how a small congregation with thirteen charter members has become in 1954 an important station in our North Carolina Conference, how the congregation began in a little school house which served in a double capacity as an institute of learning and a house of worship for the Methodists. Mrs. Cox has outlined the progress of the charge under the various pastors and pays tribute to hundreds of lay-

men and lay women who have made possible our strong Jonesboro Heights Church today.

I wish to express my personal thanks to Mrs. Cox for her excellent historical contributions. I know that this record will inspire all who read it. My wish is that similar histories of all our Methodist congregations in our North Carolina Conference might be prepared at the earliest possible date.

PAUL NEFF GARBER

September 10, 1954

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# A HISTORY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

## JONESBORO HEIGHTS

SANFORD, N. C.

HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED by the Quarterly Conference of the Jonesboro Methodist Church, in 1953, to write a history of the Church, I have decided that it would be difficult to write one without mentioning the fact that since its origin this church has been a part of the Jonesboro charge of the Fayetteville District, North Carolina Conference.

It seems appropriate to say in the beginning that this church was established as a Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and remained such until Methodist Union came in 1939 when the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and the M. E. Church, South, were merged into the Methodist Church.

In 1877 a high school adjoining the church was established as a part of the educational program of the Methodist Church. For the benefit of those who may be confused as to the intergrowth of the church and school, the school was operated under the auspices of the Fayetteville District of the North Carolina Conference.

The sources from which I get my information being: Research at Duke Divinity Library, District and Quarterly Conference Records, the Journals of the Annual Conference, Church deeds that are available, and by correspondence with former members of the early church.

## THE BACKGROUND

IT IS IMPORTANT to trace, as far as possible, the beginning of the organization. Therefore, it is unfortunate that the church and community records are quite meager as to the historical beginnings of Methodism in Jonesboro and vicinity of Moore County. (Now Lee County.)

It is not known whether Bishop Francis Asbury, one of the "founding fathers" of the Methodist Church in America ever visited this section, or whether he helped to establish any of the smaller churches in this vicinity.

The churches known on this circuit were: Morris Chapel, Memphis, Concord, Midway, Sanford and Poplar Springs which has a long and honored history as the "Mother of Churches."

With some additions and subtractions from time to time the Jonesboro charge remains to this day; the churches on the charge being Jonesboro and Lemon Springs.

Rev. Gaston Farror who came to Jonesboro circuit in November, 1867, was a native of Chatham County. No records of his predecessors could be found in the oldest available North Carolina Minutes which date back to 1838. He served this circuit 1867-69. A great pleasure of his life was to preach the Word of God; his preaching was with force and power.

Rev. Bernice B. Culbreth a native of Owensville, Sampson County, served Jonesboro circuit in 1870-71. As a preacher he was plain and evangelical. He loved to call sinners to repentance and was strictly a revival preacher.

Early in the year 1870 it became evident that two important matters were to be considered: *First*, the need of building a comfortable house for the preacher to live in; one that was in keeping with the other good houses of the community. *Second*, that the time was ripe for the pastor and people to establish a preaching place and Sunday School for Methodists in Jonesboro as this was unoccupied territory contiguous to their charge.

On the eighteenth day of May, 1870, two acres of land (church lot as it was then known) was purchased by Elisha Watson, Dr. John M. Campbell, K. H. Worthy, Geo. S. Cole, E. R. Partridge, S. H. Campbell and John Vaughan, Circuit Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This land was sold to the trustees by N. R. Bryan for the sum of fifty dollars. It was on part of this site that the first Methodist parsonage in east Jonesboro was built and presently owned and occupied by Mr. H. H. Brewer and family.

The Annual Conference meeting in Fayetteville in December, 1872, made a pastoral change. Rev. S. D. Peeler was sent from Jonesboro to Carthage, Rev. B. C. Phillips from Mattamuskeet circuit to Jonesboro. Mr. Phillips was born near Fair Haven, Moore County, N. C., July 29, 1841. He was licensed to preach at Center Church, Moore County, in 1866. He was known among the men who knew him best as "a good faithful minister, who was a tireless worker." K. H. Worthy was Lay Delegate to this Conference. In the same Annual Conference the bishop announced that he had ordained the following person: Elder, David McNeill, of Jonesboro circuit. McNeill was so reported throughout the years up

to and including 1915. Nothing more is found of him as a preacher.

Statistics for Jonesboro charge 1872: local preachers 1, white members 424, colored members 0, infants baptised 2, adults baptised 6, Sunday Schools 6, Sunday School teachers 53, Sunday School scholars 369. Amount assessed for the pastor's salary not given.

In 1872 a small day school was established in the village of Jonesboro, known as the Jonesboro Academy (Non-Denominational) which later was the place of worship for a Methodist congregation. This school house was moved from near the John I. Kelly place, in East Jonesboro, to the site of the present Jonesboro School on West Main Street. (N. R. Bryan sold one and one-fourth acres to the Jonesboro Academy Trustees for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars.)

In 1873 Annual Conference again assigned B. C. Phillips to Jonesboro. Statistics for the year on the charge: local preachers 1, white members 432, colored members 0, infants baptised 3, adults baptised 4, Sunday Schools 6, Teachers 25, Sunday School Scholars 200, 1 parsonage value \$1,200, number churches 5, value churches \$2,000. Amount assessed for the pastor's salary \$600; paid \$501.43.

Mr. John Vaughan was elected delegate to the Annual Conference which was to meet in Raleigh in December, 1874. B. C. Phillips was returned to the work here.

In following up the work of this church it seems wise to develop this history along the lines of each pastor's tenure in office. It must be remembered that at the time this church was organized, Jonesboro was a small village.

## *PASTORATES*

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### THE PASTORATE OF REV. B. C. PHILLIPS

Three years after Jonesboro Academy was opened a Methodist congregation of about a dozen members was organized and Rev. B. C. Phillips became their first Pastor. This historian has endeavored to unearth as near as possible the exact date of the origin of the Jonesboro Methodist Church and it now seems accurate to place this date in the year 1875.

The little school house served the double function of an institute of learning, and a house of worship, for the Methodists.

It is quite evident that there were no more than thirteen charter members. While there are no records, it is known by people well acquainted with the early history of this entire section and who knew personally all the family groups in this area that K. H. Worthy, Mrs. Margaret E. Worthy, Dr. John M. Campbell, Geo. S. Cole and his wife Mrs. Mary Cole, John Vaughan, Rora Barnes and wife, Belle Worthy, Annis Worthy, Mary Worthy, George Caddell and his mother Mrs. Charity Caddell Muse were charter members. Thus, the little church of thirteen members was launched.

It was represented by B. C. Phillips and George S. Cole that year at the Annual Conference. The next year, 1876, K. H. Worthy was elected delegate to the Conference.

On the 5th day of October, 1876, G. S. Cole, Dr. John

M. Campbell, Elisha Watson, John Vaughan, E. J. Lilly, K. H. Worthy and E. R. Partridge, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, bought the Academy and three acres of land from A. A. McIver and Dr. John M. Campbell, Trustees of Jonesboro Academy and George S. Cole and wife Mary, J. Bryan, Isabella M. Bryan, A. A. McIver and wife Flora A. McIver. Rev. B. C. Phillips was a witness to the signing of this deed.

Shortly after the church was organized its members began to plan for the development of a church. A committee was appointed to secure an option on a building site as near the center of town as possible. Again it seems accurate to place the date in the year 1876, a lot on the corner of West Main and Academy Streets was purchased by K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, Elisha Watson, G. W. Avent, Rora Barnes, Jno. Vaughan and G. S. Cole, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from A. A. McIver and wife Flora A. McIver.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. S. V. HOYLE

The Annual Conference of November, 1876, held in Greensboro, again assigned Rev. B. C. Phillips to Jonesboro. After appointments he asked Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh to change the appointment. His request was granted.

The bishop, knowing Rev. S. V. Hoyle (then serving Oxford) liked to build churches and schools, called Rev. Mr. Hoyle and told him that he was going to send him to Jonesboro.

Mr. Hoyle was born in the District of Columbia, January 7, 1836. He was a member of the Virginia Confer-

ence until 1869, when he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference, and in 1872 was transferred to the North Carolina Conference. When he came to this church the roll of the church was a half sheet of what was called "Fool's Cap." There was no church at Jonesboro. Services were held in the one-room school house. George S. Cole was Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Geo. B. Caddell was Secretary.

### JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Rev. Mr. Hoyle secured Rev. J. D. Arnold, as head of the Methodist School—Jonesboro High School. He and Arnold served by appointment as Chaplains in the Confederate Army during the latter part of the Civil War and in that way were acquainted.

The first term of school began early in 1877 in the old school house. Before fall, there was erected a two-story frame building in which the school was continued. The old building was then given the name, "Music Rooms." Mr. Arnold conducted the school until the end of 1879, at which time he took active work in the ministry of the North Carolina Conference.

The small town of Jonesboro during this time became an educational and cultural center. Many men and women attended this school, and afterwards became prominent in the history of the churches of the State and in other various professions. The people of the community appreciated having this school in their midst.

It must also be remembered that at the time the Methodist school was in operation, the trustees of the school were also the Trustees or Stewards of Jonesboro Methodist Church. The pastor of the church sometimes served as principal of the school.



## THE METHODIST CHURCH

Construction on the new church was begun, two years after the first move was made, in 1875. Rev. S. V. Hoyle was appointed to solicit subscriptions. He also served on the building committee. J. W. Masemore was secured as builder. Work continued steadily to reach the first objective, enclosing the building; then a scaffold fell injuring two carpenters, Charlie Riddle and John Brown. All the rest of the work was delayed until they recovered sufficiently to be on the job again. After that additional labor was hired. Reports heard in that year were: "Jonesboro is building a large and expensive house of worship within the bounds of the Fayetteville District."

The energetic work of the Pastor and members was rewarded by the handsome structure of wood that is still standing, and it soon came to be recognized as a church of extraordinary beauty and attractiveness. The steeple contained a bell which for many years drew the attention of all who heard it.

The first Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the church at Jonesboro was organized on March 8, 1879, by Mrs. S. V. Hoyle (Mrs. Nannie Jordan Hoyle). Ten ladies met one afternoon in the parsonage with Mrs. Hoyle and the eleven composed the charter members. They were: Mrs. J. M. Stephens (the first wife of J. M. Stephens), Miss Helen Tarham (Mrs. Clark, later Mrs. Fitts), Miss Bettie Watson, Mrs. George S. Cole, Mrs. R. Walker, Mrs. J. D. Arnold, Misses Belle, Annis, and Mary Worthy and Miss Josie Bryan. Mrs. Hoyle was elected President. First and second Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Walker; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Arnold; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Worthy; Treas-



urer, Miss Bryan. This was the third pioneer adult auxiliary organized in the Conference. The society lived only a few years. It was re-organized in 1885.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. G. F. ROUND

The Annual Conference meeting in Wilson in December, 1879, assigned Rev. G. F. Round to Jonesboro circuit, and W. M. Robey to Jonesboro High School. Having found the church at Jonesboro heavily in debt from the building of the year before, and the other churches behind in their payments for previous repairing, Mr. Round was confronted with a difficult task. His pastorate here lasted for a year. George S. Cole was the elected delegate to Annual Conference.

Wesley Moorman Robey, high school principal at Jonesboro 1880, was born in Yadkin County, N. C. Licensed to preach at the age of twenty four; joined this Conference in 1860.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. J. CARDEN

The Annual Conference which met in Durham, November 23-28, 1881, assigned Rev. J. J. Carden to Jonesboro. The Jonesboro High School to be supplied. Financial records for Mr. Carden's pastorate in the Annual Conference Journal shows the amount assessed for the Bishop \$10, paid \$10; for Presiding Elder \$100, paid \$80; for the pastor \$775, paid \$600.

Jonesboro High School, incorporated by act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, 25th day of February, 1881. Value of property, \$2,500.

## THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. D. ARNOLD

The Rev. J. D. Arnold, who had served as principal of the Jonesboro High School, as has been stated in a preceding paragraph, was now sent to Jonesboro circuit by assignment of the Annual Conference meeting in Raleigh, December 6, to December 12, 1882. When he came to this pastorate the membership of the nine churches was reported as 616 white members, colored member 1, 8 Sunday Schools, 560 scholars, officers and teachers 50; libraries, volumes 500, value \$50; Parsonage 1, value \$1,200. Church's value \$8,000. Names of churches of Jonesboro circuit not listed. Mr. Arnold again served as school principal; the institution had four teachers, sixty students.

At the meeting of Quarterly Conference in 1883, it was decided to sell the parsonage in East Jonesboro on August 30, and build on a lot that could be purchased next door to the Jonesboro Methodist Church. K. H. Worthy, A. A. McPhail and Elisha Watson, Trustees of parsonage property in Jonesboro circuit were instructed to sell it to the commissioners of the Cape Fear circuit at the price of \$413.33, the lands occupied by the Methodist parsonage, not including the lot between the parsonage and S. H. Buchanan's. If default of payment of the purchase price, due on or before the 1st day of January, 1885, the property to be sold at auction. According to the Quarterly Conference minutes the circuit was to have the use of the property for the preachers on this circuit (Jonesboro) until that date, free of rent. This parsonage being unfinished, was the reason for low sale price.

In 1883, the commissioners under the action of the Quarterly Conference, authorized the trustees to sell the lot adjoining the parsonage lot, held for the M.E. Church,

South, and pay the money to the Trustees who were previously appointed to build a church in Jonesboro. John Vaughan was Secretary of this Quarterly Conference. The results of the sale were gratifying. The church was enabled to go through the year promptly meeting her bills.

On August 8, 1883, the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, bought a lot on West Main and Academy Street (where present Pastor's residence is now located, from H. W. Lilly, for \$300. (This land was previously owned by George S. Cole.) The deed was made to Wm. C. Doub, A. J. Sloan, K. H. Worthy, Elisha Watson, Dr. J. M. Campbell, J. W. Berryman, Geo. W. Avent, John Vaughan, and Rora Barnes, Trustees. The church then built the second Pastor's home. This was under construction over a period of several years.

The Quarterly Conference minutes taken down by the secretary, were not recorded or have been lost, but according to information gathered from other reliable sources, the church was dedicated in the year 1884. The first organ (pump type) was purchased for the church about 1884. The parsonage was ready for occupancy in January, 1885.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. W. O. HIGHTOWER

The Annual Conference meeting in Charlotte, N. C., November 25 to December 2, 1885, assigned to the Jonesboro circuit and Jonesboro High School the Rev. W. O. Hightower, who had just been elected to elder's orders. The parsonage was under construction on the pay-as-you-go plan. Mr. Hightower moved into the two, partially

finished rooms. In this year the Conference Board of Education gave the following report:

“Jonesboro High School is the property of the Fayetteville District Conference, is located in Moore County, in the town of Jonesboro on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Rail Road. It is a school of high grade, and has been well managed by its board of trustees. It has been well patronized by the surrounding country and has given great satisfaction to its patrons. We commend it to the people as in every way worthy their support. Number of teachers 4, number of students 75.

In 1886, when a Conference Woman’s Department of Church Extension was organized, Miss Belle Worthy was appointed the first secretary of the Fayetteville District.

The first Quarterly Conference minutes of 1887 show the church stewards were: K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, Dr. A. J. Monroe, W. A. Godfrey. Sunday School Superintendent, R. H. Broom; Secretary of Church Conference, W. A. Sloan; Recording Steward, A. J. Sloan. At this same Conference L. M. Chaffin, a member of this church, was recommended for admission on trial to the Annual Conference.

During the last year of the Rev. Mr. Hightower’s pastorate, of this charge, a society was organized at Sanford (Steele Street). The Pastor’s salary was \$800. The Jonesboro Church was assessed \$380, Poplar Springs \$200, Morris Chapel \$150, Sanford \$70. Church Trustees were A. J. Sloan, K. H. Worthy, Elisha Watson, Dr. J. M. Campbell, J. W. Berryman, Geo. W. Avent, John Vaughan, and Rora Barnes.

The minutes of the fourth Quarterly Conference of 1887 show that Rev. L. M. Chaffin was preacher in charge for this quarter; Mr. Hightower left before finishing the

year. This Conference recommended to annual Conference that L. M. Chaffin, local preacher, be admitted on trial in the traveling connection.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. W. B. DOUB

The Annual Conference meeting at Fayetteville, November 30th to December 6, 1887, assigned Rev. W. B. Doub to Jonesboro circuit; which he served from 1888-89. In 1880 he was married to Miss Josie S. Bryan, a native of Jonesboro. As a preacher he was always instructive, and often his sermons were strong in argument, illustration and spiritual power. The officers of the church for the year 1888 were: K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, Dr. A. J. Monroe, G. B. Caddell, Dr. J. M. Campbell, J. W. Berryman, John Vaughan, Elisha Watson, G. W. Avent, and Rora Barnes. R. H. Broom, Superintendent of Sunday School; Recording Steward, A. J. Sloan. Trustees: G. W. Avent, Dr. J. M. Campbell, R. H. Broom. President Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. S. A. Chaffin.

Jonesboro High School was never more prosperous than in the late part of 1887-88—when it was under direction of Prof. R. H. Broom, who gave satisfaction to the Trustees and friends of the school. A paper published in 1888, tells of the school activities and contains many names of persons well known throughout this section. There was then an enrollment of 47, and a large amount of practical work was being done.

The first Quarterly Conference of 1888 added A. J. Sloan to the parsonage committee and appointed the Pastor to work with him in canvassing the membership, who had not already stated what they would give on fin-

ishing the parsonage. The results were so encouraging that Mr. Doub made a favorable report on the progress of the parsonage to the next Quarterly Conference. In the third Quarterly Conference K. H. Worthy was elected delegate to the Annual Conference. Neill McKay Watson, a member of this church, was admitted on trial at the Annual Conference, 1888. At the fourth Quarterly Conference, 1889, the application of R. H. Broom of this church, to preach, was granted. Robert Houston Broom was admitted on trial at the 1889 Annual Conference. In 1889, Jonesboro Church was reported to be worth \$3,500. A lot had been added valued at \$35. Parsonage valued at \$1,000, with a debt of \$200. Total membership of circuit 439; net increase for the year 20.

In September, 1889, the Court House in the town of Charthage, N. C., Moore County, was burned and in it also the Registers office in which all records were destroyed including the Jonesboro High School and Jonesboro Church deeds. The Trustees being anxious to have the said deeded property established, asked for the renewing of the deeds, which Mrs. Flora A. McIver was willing to renew. The school's deed was dated January 8, 1890. Jonesboro Church deed was dated September 15, 1891.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. W. NORTH, D.D.

Rev. John W. North, D.D., who came to Jonesboro in December, 1889, was a native of Williamsburg County, S. C. Trinity College conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Divinity, and in 1878 he was elected to the General Conference. Dr. North was a man who lived what he preached; therefore, he commanded attention and

respect of the people he served. The Conference year beginning with December, 1889, and ending December 1890 had the following officers for Jonesboro Church: Superintendent of Sunday School, J. J. Partridge; Stewards, K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, Dr. A. J. Monroe, G. B. Caddell, J. N. Barnes, J. J. Partridge. The Trustees were: Dr. A. J. Monroe, A. J. Sloan, Elisha Watson, K. H. Worthy, Rora Barnes, John Vaughan. In the first Quarterly Conference held at Jonesboro February 24, 1890, a committee was appointed consisting of G. W. Mann and D. B. Robertson, to raise the amount needed for rodding the church (lightning rods). The minutes of the second Quarterly Conference show that the Secretary, A. J. Sloan, was instructed to proportion the amount due on the parsonage (\$181) to the different churches on the basis of their assessment for the ministerial support, and inform the committee of same.

In this same year (May 3, 1890) Trustees of the church purchased three-fourths of a two-acre tract of land, known as the cemetery lot, from K. H. Worthy and wife for the sum of seventy-five dollars. One-fourth acre was sold by the Worthy's to the town of Jonesboro, on the same date, for extending the cemetery. K. H. Worthy was the elected delegate to the annual Conference.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. E. THOMPSON

The Annual Conference, held in Wilson, N. C., December 10 to 15, 1890, assigned Rev. John E. Thompson to the pastorate of the five churches: Jonesboro, Morris Chapel, Poplar Springs, Sanford, and Midway. At the beginning of this new pastorate the first Quarterly Con-



ference records of January 14, 1891, show the following officers at Jonesboro: Trustees, K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, Rora Barnes, Geo. S. Cole, John Vaughan, Elisha Watson; Sunday School Superintendent, Z. V. McWhorter; Stewards, K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, Dr. A. J. Monroe, G. B. Caddell, and J. N. Barnes. A. J. Sloan was elected Secretary of the Quarterly Conference. In the second Quarterly Conference of this year it was announced that A. J. Sloan and K. H. Worthy had been elected delegates to the district Conference. The fourth Quarterly Conference records show that Michael Bradshaw, a member of Jonesboro Church and teacher in the Jonesboro High School, was unanimously recommended to the Annual Conference, to be admitted on trial in the traveling connection.

The elected Trustees for the ensuing Conference year were: K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, Rora Barnes, G. S. Cole, John Vaughan, Elisha Watson; Superintendent of Sunday School, J. W. Masemore; A. J. Sloan, Recording Steward; K. H. Worthy, District Steward. Stewards were: K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, G. B. Caddell, J. N. Barnes. The second Quarterly Conference held March 26, 1892, elected Prof. W. J. Helms, of Jonesboro High School, to replace J. W. Masemore, who had resigned.

The first Quarterly Conference minutes for the current year 1893 are brief and do not give many facts; however, Mrs. D. F. Thomas (Bettie Hinton Kelly), was received by letter from the Shallow Well Christian Church during the quarter.

The second Quarterly Conference meeting at Midway, April 1, elected K. H. Worthy and Prof. W. J. Helms delegates to the district Conference. Miss Minnie D.



Sloan and W. J. Helms were elected delegates to the Sunday School Conference. Jonesboro had 108 pupils on roll in Sunday School, 13 officers and teachers. At this same Conference, K. H. Worthy was elected delegate to the Annual Conference.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. L. J. HOLDEN

The Annual Conference meeting in Wilmington, N. C., December 6 to 11, 1893, assigned Rev. Lucien Jerome Holden to Jonesboro Circuit. He was born in Orange County, North Carolina, December 2, 1844. His sermons were pointed, earnest and evangelical. His magnetic social qualities drew the people to him and gave him enlarged influence for good. The entire course of his pastorate was marked by revivals. The second Quarterly Conference minutes show the Jonesboro congregation had a very gracious revival resulting in 30 accessions to the church. Officers of the church for the year 1894 were: Stewards, K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, G. B. Caddell, J. L. Godfrey, Dr. A. J. Monroe; District Steward, K. H. Worthy; Recording Steward, A. J. Sloan, W. S. Chaffin, Superannuate. D. B. Robertson, J. N. Barnes and Elisha Watson were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees. The pastor's report to the second Quarterly Conference mentioned one Woman's Missionary Society, one Bright Jewel Society.

Prof. H. P. Boggs wrote the report on Jonesboro High School, for the Fayetteville District Conference, at Siler City in July 1894, the last year he was principal at Jonesboro. The report is given here in full:

As Principal of the Fayetteville District School, I beg leave

submit the following report: Number of Pupils enrolled session of 1893-94, 143. Two states were represented and six P.O.'s in this state. Number of pupils whipped, two. No expulsions, no suspensions. The general behavior and moral character of the pupils were excellent. The present system of discipline has been a success. The teachers were earnest conscientious consecrated women, cultivated and educated and zealous in the development, not only of the mental, but also of the moral, physical, and social natures of their pupils. They will be continued through the present year. A male assistant has been engaged, also. There is no distinctive school boarding house, but the Principal can command board among the best families of the town. Pupils can be boarded, two to six in a place, in Christian homes with refined people at from \$8 to \$10 per month. They will be under the management of the ladies with whom they board and under the authority of the Principal. The Principal has control, also, of several vacant houses which he can rent for school purposes at reduced rates. These can be utilized as club houses, if any community wishes to place children with some of their neighbors—and they can board them as they wish.

Respectfully submitted.

At this same Conference the following report from the Board of Trustees of Jonesboro High School was read and adopted.

We, the Trustees of Jonesboro High School, beg leave to submit our annual report. *First:* The buildings are in good repair. The insurance of one thousand dollars is kept up. The institution is out of debt. *Second:* The patronage of the school is not as large as it ought to be. Nor as large as we think we ought to expect; and we think this is due to neglect or indifference of the preachers and laymen of the district who are expected to look after and work for the institution of our church. This property belongs to the church and particularly to Fayetteville District and yet it cost the church but little outside the immediate vicinity of the school. Our facilities for doing good work are ample, and all we ask is that you send us the young men and young women and

we are confident that you will be satisfied with our work. We understand that Jonesboro High School is dedicated to Christian Education, and while our best energies will be given to training and developing the mind of the pupils yet we cannot and will not neglect the moral and spiritual direction of all who are committed to our care.

Respectfully,  
K. H. Worthy, Chairman.

The fourth Quarterly Conference of November 17 instructed Mr. Holden to appoint a committee of ladies, at each church, to raise the amount due on the parsonage. The church Trustees for the year 1895 were: K. H. Worthy, A. J. Sloan, John Vaughan, Elisha Watson, J. N. Barnes, D. B. Robertson. The Stewards were the same as the previous year. J. W. Masemore was now elected Steward. Prof. J. H. Sledd was elected Superintendent of Sunday School to replace W. P. Boggs, who had resigned. G. S. Cole was elected to the Board of Education; W. S. Chaffin, Superannuate.

During Rev. Mr. Holden's pastorate here, a Sunday School was organized at Manchester with a membership of 60. In April, 1895, Manchester Church was organized by Mr. Holden, with timber bought, paid for, and on the lot to build a church. His report to the District Conference shows 29 accessions to that church following a revival. The record also shows that the church building at Midway was finished in this year.

The Fayetteville District Conference met in Jonesboro Church in 1895. In May, the church elected as delegates to the Conference, K. H. Worthy, Elisha Watson, and Dr. E. P. Snipes. At that time the Conference met two days, Friday and Saturday, July 26-27. It was the custom in those days for brethren and sisters to visit other

churches on their Conference days. On the first day the Rev. K. A. McLeod, Pastor of Jonesboro Presbyterian Church was a visitor—L. J. Holden submitted the following report from the Board of Trustees of Jonesboro High School which was adopted.

“We, the Trustees of Jonesboro High School, beg leave to submit the following annual report.

“While the school has not been as large during the past year as some previous years, yet considering the scarcity of money and the general financial depression our school was fairly good. The total enrollment for the past year was 86. The moral tone of the school has been good. The school building is in need of repairs and we respectfully ask the District Conference to look after this matter at once. It will require \$50 to put the building in good order. To neglect this matter longer might be a serious injury to the property. We respectfully suggest that the money be raised at once.

“We congratulate ourselves and the District Conference, upon the selection made for Principal in the person of Prof. J. H. Sledd, who comes to us with the best endorsements from prominent educators, preachers and laymen of our own and other churches in this State, Arkansas and Virginia, his native state. We heartily commend him to all people who have children to educate, and can assure them that their boys and girls will be in safe hands if they are committed to his care. And we urge upon the preachers and people of Fayetteville District to rally to the support of the Jonesboro High School as their own institution. Much care has been exercised in the selection of the faculty of the institution and the teachers are not those who are trying their hands but have each been selected on account of their special adaptability to the work assigned them. They are teachers by training and experience and we feel assured that they will compare favorably with those of any other institution of like grade and character.

“Our school not being a local enterprise wholly, but the property of this District and as such, property in which every Methodist of the District should have an especial interest and for whose up-building they should use their best efforts, and in order that its

influence may be extended and the entire District may be brought into closer union and greater concert of action for its support, we respectfully ask that its present board of trustees be increased from seven to fifteen. We would suggest the following Brethren be added to the present board, viz: Jno. B. Makepeace, Sanford; J. A. Green, Lillington; J. M. Lamb, Fayetteville; Capt. J. O. A. Kelly, Broadway; J. D. Barnes, Dunn; Hon. W. F. Stroud, Chapel Hill; J. D. Mann, Siler City; A. A. Harrington, Jr., Hope Mills.

"We would further suggest that this board meet immediately after the election, and elect from their number an executive committee of not less than three, nor more than five members whose duty it shall be to look after all the interests of the institution and transact any business that may present itself during the time that intervenes between the annual meeting of the board. All of which we respectfully submit and beg that decisive action may be taken upon such part of this report as demand it." Signed: W. H. Moore (Presiding Elder) L. J. Holden (Preacher Charge at Jonesboro) K. H. Worthy, Geo. S. Cole, G. W. Avent, A. J. Monroe, A. J. Sloan, Board Trustees.

On Friday night Prof. J. H. Sledd addressed the Conference on the subject of Christian Education. L. J. Holden presented application of A. J. Groves for license to preach. His license was granted.

R. A. Wills offered the following resolution: "That the hearty thanks of this District Conference be tendered to the good people of Jonesboro for the very generous hospitality shown us during our stay here this week." This was adopted.

In 1896 the church Stewards were: K. H. Worthy, J. L. Godfrey, Dr. A. J. Monroe, John Barnes, Dr. E. P. Snipes, and G. S. Cole: Superintendent of Sunday School, A. J. Groves. Mr. Holden's reports to the second Quarterly Conference, April 2, in this year show that B. Cole was instructed to represent to the District Confer-

ence that this Quarterly Conference recommend the conversion of the district school property at Jonesboro into a district parsonage. The church and school at Manchester has been transferred to Lillington Circuit. The pastor's report on the church is here given as found in the Record of Jonesboro Circuit:

"The spiritual state of the Church is good except at one point. We believe at that point this state of things has grown out of matters of long standing in which strife has nearly sapped the life of religion and turned the energies of mind and heart into forces of evil that are ready to strike down any and everything that may oppose. We call upon the church in the bounds of this charge to be patient, prayerful, hopeful and faithful, remembering that the great Head of the church will bring good out of evil if we are only ready for it.

"May the many true men and women of this charge, who have not bowed the knee to Baal, be enabled through the strength of Christian character and assurance of God's blessings and help to so guide and counsel the young of the church that they shall not suffer by the evils that surround them. We are trusting God and in the fear of God and love for the church we will look for better things."

On the first day of the District Conference held in Dunn, N. C., July 16, 1896, L. J. Holden addressed the Conference on the condition of Jonesboro High School and on the advisability of transferring it to the management of Trinity College. Rev. L. Leitch moved that the management of Jonesboro High School be transferred to the management of Trinity College.

The hour for divine service arrived, and on motion of Dr. Nash the time was extended 10 minutes for the disposal of the matter in hand. K. H. Worthy made a few remarks favoring the transfer. The hour of 11 arrived



and the Conference, having reached no decision, adjourned for the service.

Conference met at 3 P.M.; and the business relative to Jonesboro High School was resumed. Rev. L. Leitch and L. J. Holden offered the following resolution which was accepted as a substitute for the original motion:

"Whereas we think it exceedingly advisable to unite our educational institutions under one management, Resolved, That while our present Board of Trustees hold the property of our High School at Jonesboro for this Conference, the management of the school, such as appointment of teachers, fixing the curriculum etc; be transferred to the Board of Managers of Trinity College."

The matter was discussed by Dr. L. L. Nash and Oscar J. Spears. The following petition was read:

Jonesboro, N. C., July 15, 1896.

To the members of the Fayetteville District Conference, M.E. Church South, Dunn, N. C.:

Your petitioners are informed that a petition is being circulated by the Pastor in charge of Jonesboro M.E. Church, asking that the District High School at Jonesboro be turned over for management to Trinity College, and with reference thereto your petitioners respectfully represent,

*1st.* That as your petitioners are informed a resolution favoring such action was gotten through a minority meeting of the Board of Trustees by a vote of 3 to 2 by the Pastor, who is a Trustee, a proxy of absent trustee having been procured and voted to that effect; but that the majority of the Board, and those who have been identified with the interest and care of the school from its founding, are opposed to the measure as unwise and inexpedient, and against the best interest of the school.

*2nd.* That in our opinion the proposition is not made and urged with a sincere desire to further the interest of the school; but with a view to removing from office the local members of the Board of Trustees who are unacceptable to the Pastor in charge.

3rd. That these Trustees have for years shown their faithfulness to the school; some of them having contributed largely to its building and establishment and in our opinion the interest of the school will be better advanced by leaving its management in the hands of these person who are so closely and personally identified with its interest and who have thorough personal knowledge of the conditions and needs of the school.

4th. That as friends and patrons of the school we declare that it would be detrimental to the advancement both of the school and church in this community, if the proposed change in management were to take place, and that it would be an injustice and a reflection upon the integrity and intelligence of the people who have built and supported and should know how to manage the school.

5th. That it would be an unwelcome charge on Trinity College, and will contribute more to the patronage of Trinity, if its usefulness is not impaired by undue interference in its management. That the Board of Trustees of said school are thoroughly in sympathy with Trinity College, and we know that the present method of managing the school is to the best interest of the college as well as to the school.

Signed: Jno. Vaughan, J. B. Womack, A. R. Kelly, J. A. M. Thomas, A. L. Wicker, D. B. Shields, J. W. Wicker, W. A. Thomas, J. I. Kelly, H. A. Oliver, S. N. Liles, Wm. J. Kelly, A. P. Barbee, W. A. Kelly, D. B. Buchanan, W. G. Parrish, W. H. Humber, A. C. Vick, Hughes B. Hoyle, D. B. Robertson, Geo. B. Caddell, Mrs. Minnie Campbell, Ida Campbell, Mrs. N. J. Hoyle, Mrs. M. Shields, J. O. Gunter, G. F. Hunt, Jas. Dalrymple, Marte Riddle, P. S. Cox, J. B. Cole, W. H. Dudley, W. A. Sloan, J. N. Masemore, S. H. Buchanan, J. B. Buchanan, T. N. Campbell, A. Dicker, E. J. L. Kelly, Mrs. W. S. Chaffin.

The following protest was read:

Jonesboro, N. C., July, 15, 1896

To the Fayetteville Distict Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dunn, N. C.

We the undersigned, Trustees of Jonesboro High School respectfully protest against Conference taking any action towards



turning the management of the School over to Trinity College. We affirm our loyalty to Trinity College, and declare that the school and its management are in full sympathy with Trinity College, and as evidence of that fact, we call attention to the patronage of the College by almost all the young men prepared for college at Jonesboro High School.

We believe that the proposed change in the management would result in injuring the school because of the manner in which it is sought to bring it about, and actually decrease the patronage of Trinity from this school. We believe, and we ask the investigation of the Conference on this point, that the movement does not have its origin in a desire to improve the school or advance the interest of Trinity, but in a desire to disassociate from the management of the school those trustees whose views have come in conflict with those of the trustees who urge and advocate the proposed change.

We respectfully call attention to the fact that the trustees who protest against the proposed change represent those who built and have maintained and supported the school. We respectfully declare that the change is proposed and urged by the pastor in charge of this circuit, who is not in harmony with the people of his church and that it does not represent their views or the desires of the patrons of the school.

Signed: George S. Cole, A. J. Sloan, A. J. Monroe.

The following paper was read:

Jonesboro, N. C., July 15, 1896

To the members of Fayetteville District Conference of the M.E. Church, South, Dunn, N. C.

Gentlemen:

You will have presented to you by Rev. L. J. Holden a petition with our names signed thereto, asking that the management of the District High School at this place be transferred over to Trinity College. Since signing said petition we learn that it is not the desire of the majority of the local Trustees, nor of quite a number of the patrons of the school, and therefore respectfully ask that our names be erased therefrom. Signed, W. M.

McFarland, J. A. Nelson, W. H. Humber, P. S. Cox, James H. Mann, J. R. Watson, W. E. Murchison.

Note the following statement made in reference to the above mentioned petition. "Had I known there was the slightest difficulty, I would not have signed any paper or petition relative to the matter."—W. E. Murchison.

The subject was discussed by Oscar J. Spears, Rev. L. J. Holden, and Dr. L. L. Nash. The previous question was called for by K. H. Worthy, and the conference sustained the call; the resolution was then read, and adopted—30 voting for, and 4 against it.

The pastor's report to the fourth Quarterly Conference of 1896 shows the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Jonesboro had 13 members. The Bright Jewel Band with a membership of 44, contributed \$20.50 to missionary work during the year.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. D. L. EARNHARDT

The Annual Conference meeting in Kinston, December 9 to 14, 1896, sent Rev. D. L. Earnhardt to Jonesboro Circuit; which he served 1897-1900. Mr. Earnhardt was recognized as a strong preacher by all the people in the charge he served. At the beginning of this new pastorate the Quarterly Conference records show the following officers: Trustees, Dr. A. J. Monroe, and Elisha Watson. Stewards, K. H. Worthy, J. A. Nelson, J. N. Barnes and J. L. Godfrey. Sunday School Superintendent, J. W. Masemore. Jonesboro had on roll 108 pupils, 13 officers and teachers.

In the first Quarterly Conference which met March 13, 1897, we find that Jonesboro charge was assessed \$54

for the district parsonage to be built in Fayetteville; to be distributed on basis of pastor's salary, and committee appointed to collect same. (Mrs. J. W. Masemore was named for Jonesboro.) The pastor's report to this Quarterly Conference stated—"We have an interest in a union school at Underwood's Schoolhouse where I believe good is being done."

In a meeting of the second Quarterly Conference on June 12, 1897, Dr. A. J. Monroe was elected a delegate to the District Conference at Sanford. The pastor's report to this Quarterly Conference states there is commendable interest among our people in the cause of education. Our district school at Jonesboro has just closed a term in which the highest enrollment was 97. Incidental expenses have been met amounting to \$23.50. Fall term begins August 3, 1897.

In a meeting of the District Conference held July 23, in Sanford, Mr. Earnhardt reported two Parsonage Aid Societies, one Juvenile Missionary Society, and one Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Jonesboro with 19 members.

The District Conference Board of Education reported at this same conference that "the Fayetteville District School at Jonesboro and which ought to be a great help in our educational work in the district, is not as prosperous as we desire; and hoping that it may be more efficient, we recommend that the entire management of this school again be placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees."

Dr. A. J. Monroe, B. Cole, M. J. McPhail, and J. W. Burns elected delegates of Jonesboro Circuit were a part of this District Session when another matter of far reach-

ing importance was mentioned in the pastor's report, namely the state of the church: "The type of piety on Jonesboro circuit is very good. There is less worldliness in the form of whiskey drinking and dancing than I have seen on other charges. The young people are too much inclined to absent themselves from the Communion Table. There is the largest number of men who will pray in public that I have found anywhere."

The church officers for the year 1898 were the same as the previous year with one exception: Prof. Arthur Arrington was elected Superintendent of Sunday School. J. N. Barnes's resignation as Steward was accepted. G. B. Caddell was elected to replace him. The pastor's salary was \$800; Jonesboro was apportioned \$300, Sanford \$250, Poplar Springs \$175, Morris Chapel \$140, Midway \$70. The second Quarterly Conference meeting April 23, elected delegates to the District Conference—A. Arrington, K. H. Worthy from this church. "Mr. Earnhardt's report to District Conference meeting in Siler City July 28, 1898, states that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Jonesboro has a membership of 18 members, not doing much work, it collects the regular dues. The Jonesboro High School is doing good work, under the management of Prof. Arthur Arrington. I regret to say that he has been dependent so far, almost entirely, on local patronage, which is a poor record for the district. I do not hesitate to say that the District Committee ought either relinquish its hold upon the property, so that it can compete with other private schools, or rally to its support, and give it the patronage it justly deserves."

The Presiding Elder read a paper from three of the Trustees of Jonesboro High School, tendering their resig-

nations; and it was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Dr. Nash the resignation of K. H. Worthy, A. J. Monroe and G. S. Cole, Trustees of Jonesboro High School, was accepted. The following were elected to fill the vacancy caused by their resignation: Stephen B. Worthy, John N. Barnes, and J. L. Godfrey.

At a meeting of the fourth Quarterly Conference held September 10, 1898, it was ordered that the church at Jonesboro secure the cooperation of all the other churches here, to prevent a government distillery being erected here. It was the order of this conference that the name of the church, now known as Midway, be changed to Lemon Springs. The pastor's report to this conference states—"While the spiritual state of the church is not satisfactory, I think it is improving and is perhaps better than it has been for several years. Though there are no bar-rooms within our bounds, yet the still-house and its influence upon our people is our greatest barrier and curse. I long for the time to come when our government will suppress this wickedness."

This fourth Quarterly Conference ordered that D. L. Earnhardt appoint a committee in regard to enlarging limits of corporation to keep out whiskey.

The matter of repairing High School and fencing attached, at Jonesboro, was referred to D. L. Earnhardt and K. H. Worthy with power to act.

In 1899, the Stewards were the same as of the previous year, with Arthur Arrington serving as Superintendent of Sunday School.

Miss Clyde Buchanan (now Mrs. R. N. McMillan), was

organist for the "Bright Jewels," little children's society; B. J. leader, Miss Florence Robertson.

In the District Conference held July 27, 1899, at Brown's Chapel, the pastor reported that he had two weekly prayer meetings at Jonesboro well attended, Foreign Missionary Society with 17 members, which raised annually over \$1 per member. No Home Mission Society, but two Ladies Aid Societies that took their place. The Sunday School had suffered a decline. The charge usually paid about 90% of the salaries.

This item is found in the Secretary's minutes for the District Conference that year: "Dr. J. Sandford stated to the Conference that he attended the first session of the Fayetteville District Conference which was held in the town of Rockingham in 1866, making this the thirty-fourth session."

When the District Conference of July 25, 1900, met in Carthage, N. C., Mr. Earnhardt read the report of Trustees of the District School at Jonesboro, which, upon motion of J. M. Lamb, was referred to the District Board of Education. The District Board of Education report is given in full—

We recommend that the District Conference pass the following resolution:

Resolved that the Trustees of the Fayetteville District Conference School, located at Jonesboro, N. C. are hereby instructed, if they deem it wise to do so, to sell said school property when they can find a purchaser who will pay \$1000 cash or its equivalent for said property and hold the funds subject to the action of this Conference. D. L. Earnhardt, Chairman Board of Education.

Prof. Palmer Dalrymple, of Jonesboro High School (and a member of Jonesboro Methodist Church) was introduced and addressed the conference.

Value of Jonesboro High School property in 1900 was \$1,500, teachers 4, students 100.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. M. ASHBY

Rev. J. M. Ashby came to Jonesboro with the turn of the century by assignment of the Annual Conference meeting in New Bern, in December 1900. He was born in Patrick County, Virginia, educated at Trinity College, graduating in 1883 and in the fall of the same year he joined the North Carolina Conference. Friends described Mr. Ashby as "steady, reliable, faithful as a pastor, strong and vigorous as a preacher—he made impressions on the charge that will abide."

The Quarterly Conference minutes of Rev. Mr. Ashby's pastorate here were lost, however, the District Conference records show Sanford circuit was listed for the first time in 1901. A parsonage was under construction there in 1902.

On July 23, 1902, the District Conference meeting in Dunn, N. C., used much of this Annual Session in discussing Jonesboro School—a resolution having been passed by a former session recommending the sale of the property. A statement was made by J. M. Ashby that a proposition had been made by the town of Jonesboro for the purchase of the property (buildings and lot) and upon motion it was ordered that this proposition be referred to the District Board of Education. Chairman L. E. Thompson reported the committee had before it for consideration the proposition from the town of Jonesboro to buy the district school property there for the sum of \$500; the school to be continued by the town as a non-



sectarian institution. The committee therefore passed the following resolutions to submit to this body for concurrence:

Resolved first, That this District Conference offer to sell to the town of Jonesboro our District school property there for the sum of \$750, and that the original proposition to sell the property for \$1,000, be left open to any other purchaser than the town of Jonesboro: provided, *first*, that a new survey of the property be made in any case; and provided, *second*, that no part of the church lot as now used be included in the sale.

Resolved second, That in case a sale be made the money be turned over to Q. K. Nimmocks, Treasurer of the District Parsonage Fund subject to use in building the District Parsonage if occasion arises preceding our next District Conference.

Jonesboro Church felt this proposition unfair, that they needed part of the proceeds from sale of this property to be used in paying a debt on its own parsonage.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. B. C. ALLRED

The Annual Conference of December, 1902, meeting in Wilmington, assigned Rev. B. C. Allred to Jonesboro circuit. The churches on this charge were: Jonesboro, Poplar Springs, Morris Chapel, Memphis, and Concord. The officers of the Jonesboro Church for the conference year running from December 1902, to November 1903 were: Trustees, John Vaughan, G. S. Cole, A. J. Sloan, Dr. A. J. Monroe and D. B. Robertson; Stewards, J. L. Godfrey, J. N. Barnes, S. B. Worthy, B. R. Avent. In the first Quarterly Conference, held January 24, 1903, the pastor's salary was fixed at \$700. Evander K. Creel was reported a licentiate of the church in 1903. Nothing more is found of Creel as a preacher.



On July 23, 1903, B. C. Allred addressed the District Conference meeting in Siler City as to the sale of the District High School, in Jonesboro. General discussion followed. The conference ordered a Committee of Investigation, to report at the next session for final action. The committee: B. C. Allred, J. H. Frizelle, R. H. Broom, S. B. Worthy, Q. K. Nimmocks, J. D. Barnes, and B. Cole.

In this same District Conference, the pastor Rev. B. C. Allred reported the attitude of his people in general to the missionary cause: Jonesboro, "careless."

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. E. POPE

The Annual Conference which met in Goldsboro, in 1903, assigned to the Jonesboro circuit the Rev. E. Pope, at a salary of \$800 and parsonage. In the list of officers of the church 1904 we find these names: Superintendent of Sunday School, S. B. Worthy; Trustees: John Vaughan, G. S. Cole, A. J. Sloan, D. B. Robertson, Dr. A. J. Monroe. The Stewards were: J. L. Godfrey, A. J. Sloan, S. B. Worthy, and B. R. Avent. The pastor organized the Sunday School into a Missionary Society in April, 1904.

The District Conference convened in its thirty-ninth session at Jonesboro, July 21-23, 1904. In the final session Rev. E. Pope, chairman of the committee on investigating the sale of the high school property, presented their report recommending that the property be sold to the school committee of District No. 1, Jonesboro, Moore County; for the white race, for the sum of \$500, the same to be paid as soon as the papers are fixed. This committee further recommended that \$200 of the money paid for this prop-

erty be appropriated to Jonesboro's church to be used in furnishing and paying a debt on their parsonage, and the remaining \$300 be applied on indebtedness on the district parsonage at Fayetteville. The report was adopted by parts and then almost unanimously as a whole. The disposition of this property implies, also, the satisfactory enlargement of the Jonesboro church lot.

Delegate elected to the Annual Conference: J. L. Godfrey, Jonesboro. T. A. Smoot, offered the following resolution of thanks which was adopted: "That the District Conference is heartily grateful to the people of Jonesboro, for opening their homes to the ministers and delegates, and offering them such royal and hospitable entertainment." Student attending Littleton College, Ella Reid Pope.

It is definitely recalled that the Rev. Mr. Pope was full of energy and determination and did fine work while serving here, both as a pastor and as principal of the Jonesboro High School.

Mrs. T. N. Campbell (DeLaney Perry), a faithful worker in the activities of this church taught school at Jonesboro under Mr. Pope's supervision in this same year.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. C. HUMBLE

Rev. J. C. Humble came to Jonesboro in November, 1904, by appointment of Annual Conference. During this pastorate the Quarterly Conference records of January 1, 1905, show the following officers: Trustees, J. L. Godfrey, B. R. Avent, A. J. Sloan, Dr. A. J. Monroe, and D. B. Robertson; Stewards, J. L. Godfrey, A. J. Sloan, John Jackson; Superintendent of Sunday School, B. R.

Avent; and Parsonage Trustee, A. J. Sloan. J. L. Godfrey, and A. J. Sloan were elected delegates to the Missionary Conference in Asheville by the second Quarterly Conference. In the third Quarterly Conference records, 1905, the officers of the first Epworth League at Jonesboro were: Dr. H. B. Hoyle, President; George B. Caddell, First Vice-President; Miss Fannie Avent, Second Vice-President; Miss Mayme Gibbons, Third Vice-President; Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Secretary; E. R. Partridge, Assistant Secretary. Membership, 32. The Quarterly Conference authorized the Trustees of Jonesboro Church to sell and grant title for lots in Jonesboro Cemetery.

Those attending Methodist schools: Herman Humber, Trinity Park High School; Clyde and Alton Campbell, Trinity College; Della Sellars, Littleton Female College.

In a meeting of the third Quarterly Conference on July 7, 1906, we find this reference: The resolution to remove Concord Church to Broadway was received and adopted.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. L. H. JOYNER

The Annual Conference meeting in Rocky Mount, N. C., December 1906, assigned Rev. L. H. Joyner to Jonesboro circuit. The Rev. Mr. Joyner was a man of pleasing personality and was always loved by the people wherever he served. He visited the members of the five churches often during this pastorate which lasted four years. The officers of the church for the Conference year running from December 1906 to December 1907 were: Superintendent of Sunday School B. R. Avent; Trustees: A. J. Sloan, J. L. Godfrey, B. R. Avent, Dr. A. J. Monroe, and

D. B. Robertson. The Stewards were, A. J. Sloan, J. L. Godfrey, B. R. Avent, John Jackson and Geo. B. Caddell. A. J. Sloan was Secretary of the Quarterly Conference; George B. Caddell was Recording Steward and Church Secretary.

At the first Quarterly Conference of 1907, the pastor's salary was fixed at \$800. The deed for Broadway Church is first mentioned in 1907 in the Jonesboro circuit Trustees' report.

District Conference met at Jonesboro Church for the third time, March 26, 27, 28, 1907. The graded school building was offered to the different committees to use at will. Report was made on the sale of Jonesboro High School property. \$300 was appropriated to District Parsonage, \$200 to Jonesboro Church. A. J. Sloan was elected delegate to the Annual Conference.

Rev. E. E. Rose offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas we have been most kindly entertained by the good people of Jonesboro, and this kindness has been duly appreciated."

"Therefore, be it resolved: That the thanks of this Conference are justly due, and are hereby tendered to the good people of Jonesboro, and our prayers are that God may abundantly bless them."

The church officers for the year 1908 were the same as the previous year except for two changes; Superintendent of Sunday School was Geo. B. Caddell. The second Quarterly Conference records of May, 1908, show that Dr. H. B. Hoyle was elected to fill vacancy in the Board of Trustees replacing Dr. A. J. Monroe, deceased. In the meeting of the fourth Quarterly Conference held November 28, 1908, the minutes show the Woman's Foreign Missionary

Society paid for the year \$36. Mrs. S. A. Chaffin was President, Miss Belle Avent, Secretary, membership 24.

In 1909-1910 the church officers were: Superintendent of Sunday School, J. R. Rives, District and Quarterly Conference Recording Steward, A. J. Sloan; Trustees: A. J. Sloan, B. R. Avent, D. B. Robertson, Dr. H. B. Hoyle, J. L. Godfrey. Stewards, A. J. Sloan, J. L. Godfrey, B. R. Avent, John Jackson, A. E. Kelly and Sion H. Cox. Pastor's salary shows a slight increase, now \$850.

The second Quarterly Conference held March 13, 1909, recommended H. E. Myers member of Jonesboro Church to the District Conference for license to preach, which was granted.

Students attending church schools in this same year were: Colton Godfrey, Charlie Foushee and Laurane Joyner.

Mrs. W. A. Sloan, Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reports number of members 25, money collected in this year \$32. In 1909 Broadway is listed with the other churches on the charge.

The first Quarterly Conference records for the current year 1910 show that the pastor's salary was increased from \$850 to \$900. The fourth quarterly Conference meeting at Concord, October 8, 1910 on motion of L. H. Joyner the order to sell Concord Church at some former Quarterly Conference was rescinded. Jonesboro Church organized a Woman's Home Missionary Society in October, 1910.

Some interesting notes are found in the pastor's report to District Conference that year:

"We have a live Womans' Foreign Missionary Society at Jonesboro, one of its members—Mrs. Mary F. Humber, is supporting a Bible woman in China."

"The Ladies Aid Society had electric lights installed in the parsonage. About one year ago I told some of the ladies I would be glad to have electric lights in the parsonage. The next day they were put in."

"The following students are attending our church schools: Lessie Buchanan, Charlie Foushee, Colton Godfrey are at Trinity College, Earl Myers attended Trinity Park School and Laurane Joyner, Louisburg Female College."

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. H. M. EURE

Rev. H. M. Eure came to Jonesboro by appointment of Annual Conference of November, 1910, at a salary of \$1,000 and parsonage. He was born in 1861 in Nash County, N. C. The church officers for 1911 were the same as of the previous year.

In the second Quarterly Conference held April 22, 1911, the pastor reported quite a perceptible increase in the attendance at the regular preaching services. However, the Sunday School appeared to be on a general decline. A large per cent of the adult membership of the church took no part in the Sunday School and manifested no interest in that important work of the church.

The fourth Quarterly Conference meeting in October, 1911, Mr. Eure reported that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with 22 members, and the Home Mission Society, membership 17, were doing very good work.

In the first Quarterly Conference, held January 26, 1912, the following officers were reported: Church Trustees J. L. Godfrey, B. R. Avent, D. B. Robertson, Dr. H. B. Hoyle; Stewards, A. J. Sloan, Sion H. Cox, B. R. Avent, John Jackson, L. H. Gibbons and A. R. Rives. L. H. Gibbons was elected church leader, J. R. Rives is

listed as Sunday School Superintendent. Ella G. Eure was attending Louisburg College.

An announcement of interest to the Jonesboro Church was made in 1912 at the North Carolina Conference annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society that Miss Alice Green of Jonesboro, had asked for a recommendation from the conference for a foreign appointment, which was given.

The money for the first piano for the church was largely raised through the untiring efforts of Miss Lill Godfrey and Miss Clyde Buchanan.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. G. JOHNSON

The Annual Conference of November, 1912, assigned Rev. J. G. Johnson to the pastorate of the six churches, Jonesboro, Morris Chapel, Poplar Springs, Memphis, Concord, and Broadway. The officers of the church for the conference year 1913 were: Superintendent of Sunday School, J. R. Rives; Trustees, A. J. Sloan, J. L. Godfrey, D. B. Robertson, Dr. H. B. Hoyle. Stewards, A. J. Sloan, J. L. Godfrey, B. R. Avent, Sion H. Cox, John Jackson, A. R. Rives and W. J. Cameron. A. J. Sloan was elected secretary of the Quarterly Conference. Rev. J. D. Pegram, a retired minister, was a member of the Quarterly Conference. Students attending church schools—Gladys Johnson, Louisburg College; Alex Worthy, Clement Johnson, and Colton Godfrey, Trinity College. In the first Quarterly Conference, meeting in January the pastor's salary was fixed at \$1,000. In a meeting of the second Quarterly Conference, held April 18th, it was moved and carried that Mr. Johnson was instructed to devise plans



for paying off the indebtedness on the parsonage; and J. R. Rives was elected delegate to the District Conference at Lillington. The fourth Quarterly Conference meeting November 11, 1913, authorized the Trustees of Jonesboro to remodel their church. This church was valued at \$3,000.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. C. W. ROBINSON

The Annual Conference which met in Oxford in December, 1913, assigned Rev. C. W. Robinson to Jonesboro circuit. He was born in 1858 at Mt. Gilead, N. C. He was a devout, consecrated pastor and preacher, and was held in high esteem by the people he served. The Quarterly Conference roll for the year 1914 was as follows: Sunday School Superintendent, J. E. Brinn; Trustees, A. J. Sloan, J. L. Godfrey, John Jackson, A. R. Rives, W. J. Cameron and B. R. Avent. In a meeting of the fourth Quarterly Conference, held September 26, 1914, Raymond Barnes was elected church Trustee replacing D. B. Robertson, deceased.

When organic union of the N. C. Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies was authorized in 1914, the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies at Jonesboro Church were merged into the Woman's Missionary Society.

In 1915, J. E. Brinn was again Superintendent of Sunday School. The Stewards were: A. J. Sloan, B. R. Avent, J. L. Godfrey, W. J. Cameron, Sion H. Cox, John Jackson, and A. T. Lambeth. The first Quarterly Conference for the current year was held at Jonesboro. The following



were appointed to draft suitable obituary of Rev. J. D. Pegram, deceased: C. W. Robinson and A. J. Sloan.

A firm stand against several money-making projects, expressed in a resolution presented at the 1915 annual meeting of the N. C. Woman's Missionary Society in Rocky Mount was of vital concern to every member of the Jonesboro Woman's Missionary Society who had a sense of responsibility toward following those resolutions, both individually and as a group.

The following interesting resolution, signed by every member of the Council, was read and placed on record:

"Whereas tithes and offerings are God's plan for financing the Kingdom, we urge that this plan be taught and practiced in our work.

We further urge that rummage sales, silver teas, festivals, suppers, bazaars, plays and such devices, which bring the Lord's work before the public as a money making institution or as a mendicant, be condemned by this body."

Rev. C W. Robinson and A. J. Sloan represented the church at the District Conference meeting at Parkton, May 12-14, 1915. The delegates from Jonesboro, Mr. Robinson, and A. J. Sloan, were a part of this fiftieth session of the Fayetteville District Conference when the following resolution to Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States was adopted, with the request that the same be communicated to President Wilson by telegram. Because of its historical value the telegram is given here:

His Excellency, President Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D. C.

In this great crisis that confronts our nation, We, The Fayetteville District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, wish to express our utmost confidence in you and to as-

sure you that our prayers are with you that you may safely lead our nation through the perils that confront it.

—J. T. Gibbs, P. E. Fayetteville District.

In 1916 the church officers were: Superintendent of Sunday School J. R. Rives; Trustees: A. J. Sloan, J. L. Godfrey, Ray Barnes. Stewards were: A. R. Rives, A. J. Sloan, John Jackson, J. L. Godfrey, A. T. Lambeth, Sion H. Cox, W. J. Cameron and B. R. Avent. President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. D. Pegram.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. T. H. SUTTON

Rev. T. H. Sutton came to this charge in December, 1916, by assignment of the Annual Conference. Mr. Sutton came to the church at an unusual time. World War I was in progress; young men were sent to military camps; people felt the need of guidance by a consecrated pastor. Rev. Mr. Sutton served acceptably. He offered prayers for the soldiers and Country in words long to be remembered by the parents of the soldiers and by other persons present. In 1917 the church officers were: Stewards, A. J. Sloan, B. R. Avent, A. R. Rives, Sion H. Cox, J. L. Godfrey, Charlie Foushee, Nelson Martin, and A. T. Lambeth; Local preacher, T. E. Wyche; Superintendent of Sunday School J. R. Rives. The Trustees were: A. J. Sloan, B. R. Avent, J. L. Godfrey. The minutes of the first Quarterly Conference, held January 20, 1917, show the pastor's salary for the year was \$1,100; assessment plan was used in raising the money.

The church officials for 1918 were the same, as the previous year, other than two exceptions: E. M. O'Connell was elected Steward replacing J. L. Godfrey then de-

ceased, and R. W. Barnes a church Trustee. The pastor's salary for the current year was \$1,200. In the first Quarterly Conference, held at Jonesboro February 4, a committee was appointed consisting of B. R. Avent, A. J. Sloan, and J. R. Rives to draw up resolutions of respect to Mr. Godfrey. At this same Quarterly Conference the minutes show that Jonesboro church asked permission to build Sunday School rooms, permission granted. W. W. Henley and E. M. O'Connell were elected delegates to the District Conference held in Dunn, N. C., July 4-7.

T. E. Wyche's report to the same District Conference was as follows:

"While I have not fully regained my health, I, however, have put in a very full year's work.

Over a year ago I was appointed by the Lee County Commissioners as Chaplain of the County Home, and I preach for them every Sunday evening. In addition to this service I often fill-in for the other Jonesboro pastors, preaching since last District Conference at least seventy-five sermons."

In a meeting of the third Quarterly Conference held June 22, 1918, this entry is made: Obituary of A. J. Sloan to be inserted on minutes. Mrs. R. N. McMillan, acting Recording Steward.

The fourth Quarterly Conference held at Jonesboro, November 18th, elected R. L. Peele, Trustee, replacing A. J. Sloan.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. C. R. ROSS

In December, 1918, Rev. V. A. Royall was appointed to Jonesboro circuit, but after the death of his wife, who died suddenly at the parsonage in Jonesboro in January

1919, he exchanged with Rev. C. R. Ross and went to Cary circuit and finished the year there. Officers of the current year, 1919, were: Pastor, C. R. Ross; Local Preacher, T. E. Wyche; Superintendent of Sunday School, J. R. Rives; Trustees: B. R. Avent, R. W. Barnes and R. L. Peele. Stewards were: B. R. Avent, A. T. Lambeth, J. N. Martin, E. M. O'Connell, W. L. Thomas, Sion H. Cox, W. C. O'Connell, W. A. Godfrey and Mrs. J. D. Pegram.

The second Quarterly Conference records of April 5, 1919, show the Woman's Missionary Society was organized on council lines with Mrs. J. D. Pegram, President; Mrs. L. M. Foushee, President, Ladies Aid Society; Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, President, Young Peoples Society; Mrs. Mary Wyche Fitchett, President, Bright Jewel Society, assisted by Miss Blanche Godfrey.

The Quarterly Conference minutes of 1920 show that the church officials were the same, as of the previous year with exception of W. L. Thomas being elected Superintendent of Sunday School. The pastor's salary was \$1,800. In the second Quarterly Conference held April 24, Miss Abbie McBryde was appointed to assist the pastor in the circulation of Christian literature. Mrs. D. B. Buchanan was elected delegate to the District Conference. The pastor reported to District Conference in June, 1920, that "the charge needs dividing so that more preaching may be had; six churches on Jonesboro circuit are too many to have the best work done in them."

The third Quarterly Conference meeting, July 3, on motion, gave the Trustees of Jonesboro Church authority to make any additions to the church deemed necessary.

The Stewards for 1921 were the same as the previous

year except the resignation of W. C. O'Connell; the pastor was authorized to fill the vacancy.

The second Quarterly Conference of April 5, appointed Miss Bess Barnes to assist the pastor in distributing Christian literature in the homes of this church. The third Quarterly Conference, meeting July 5, 1921, records show the resignation of Sion H. Cox as a Steward, W. J. Cameron was elected to succeed him. The pastor reported that the following students attended Trinity College, the past year: Sheldon Harrington, and John D. Pegram.

An interesting note by Mr. Ross is given in his report of the spiritual state of the church in 1921: "Our great need is more religion in the homes of the people."

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. B. E. STANFIELD

The Annual Conference of November, 1921, held in New Bern, assigned Rev. B. E. Stanfield to Jonesboro charge. The Rev. Mr. Stanfield was a native of Leasburg, N. C. He was recognized as a strong preacher, a good pastor—as an organizer he was a success, as can be found in the records of his pastorate here. The officers for the year 1922 were: Superintendent Sunday School, W. L. Thomas; Church Conference Secretary, Miss Bertha Avent; Trustees were B. R. Avent, R. W. Barnes, and R. L. Peele. Stewards: B. R. Avent, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, W. L. Thomas, J. N. Martin, W. A. Godfrey, A. T. Lambeth, W. J. Cameron, W. H. Campbell, and S. B. Worthy. Local Preacher, T. E. Wyche. At the first Quarterly Conference of that year, W. L. Thomas, L. P. Cox, B. R. Avent, J. A. McBryde and W. J. Cameron

were elected a building committee, to build additions to Jonesboro Church and make needed repairs.

The second Quarterly Conference record of April 24, shows the pastor's salary was fixed at \$1,800. Miss Bertha Avent was President of the reorganized Senior Epworth League (the first league lived only a few years) with a membership of 60. Mrs. L. M. Foushee, and J. L. Covington were elected to serve as parsonage trustees. The Sunday School was growing; eight new Sunday School rooms were nearly complete and ready for use.

Fayetteville District Conference met with Jonesboro Church for the fourth time in June 29-July 2, 1922. In the third Quarterly Conference meeting July 1, the building committee submitted a report through its Chairman and Treasurer, B. R. Avent, and J. L. Covington, secretary, stating the eight new Sunday School rooms were completed at an estimated cost of \$1,284.56 with some indebtedness yet. The report was accepted and committee discharged. The pastor reported that the families of the following named persons: Dr. and Mrs. John M. Campbell, Dr. A. J. Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sloan, George S. Cole, Mrs. Mary F. Humber, Jesse L. Godfrey, Rev. S. V. Hoyle, Rev. J. D. Arnold, Rev. W. B. Doub, D. B. Robertson, Mrs. Maggie Kelly Harrington, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Gibbons, Rev. J. D. Pegram, Mrs. Sarah A. Chaffin, K. H. Worthy, presented art glass windows in the church and Sunday School class room, as memorials to them.

Resolutions of respect regarding J. N. Martin, deceased Steward, were presented by the pastor and on motion were ordered spread upon the minutes of the Quarterly Conference.

The fourth Quarterly Conference held in Jonesboro,

October 17, records show a resolution was adopted asking for \$500 donation from Church Extension Board for Jonesboro Church.

In 1923 the following church officers were reported: Superintendent of Sunday School, C. C. Foushee; Trustees, B. R. Avent, R. W. Barnes and R. L. Peele; Stewards, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, B. R. Avent, W. L. Thomas, S. B. Worthy, A. T. Lambeth, W. J. Cameron, R. H. Mann, J. L. Covington. Local Preacher, T. E. Wyche. President Senior Epworth League and Church Conference Secretary, Miss Bertha Avent. Parsonage Trustees: Mrs. L. M. Foushee and J. L. Covington. Student attending Louisburg College, Miss Elva Meeks. The first Quarterly Conference which met in Jonesboro on January 20, 1923, fixed the pastor's salary at \$2,000.

For the year 1924-25 the church officers were the same as the preceding year, with D. F. Harris elected to serve as Steward and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. Miss Bess Barnes succeeded Miss Avent as President of the Epworth League, membership 45.

In a called session of Quarterly Conference held at Jonesboro, October 17, 1924, S. S. Ellington was granted local preachers license. Students in Methodist schools; Louisburg, Misses Elva Meeks, Nina McDavid and Tresie Sloan; Duke University, Benjamin Lambeth and Wesley Stanfield.

In the first Quarterly Conference held January 25, 1924, the minutes show the pastor's salary was \$2,400, with \$980 apportioned to the Jonesboro Church. Lemon Springs is again listed on this charge. Concord discontinued.

The year 1925 marks the beginning of increased membership in the Jonesboro Sunday School; average attend-



ance 212; Assistant Superintendent W. L. Thomas. The Woman's Missionary Society with a membership of 48 sent \$148.15 to the district secretary as its pledge to missions. Paid for local church work \$266.15. Jonesboro Church paid \$148.30 for the Superannuate Endowment Fund through the local treasurer, B. E. Stanfield.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. O. I. HINSON

Rev. O. I. Hinson joined the Western North Carolina Conference November 15, 1906. He served several churches in that Conference. Then for two years he taught in Missouri. In 1915, he transferred to the North Carolina Conference. The Annual Conference meeting in November, 1925, assigned Rev. Hinson to Jonesboro charge. His outstanding ability was seen as a pastor. He loved the people that he served, and was a comfort to the sick and shut-ins. At the beginning of this new pastorate the Quarterly Conference records show the following officers: Trustees, B. R. Avent, R. L. Peele and R. W. Barnes; Superintendent of Sunday School, C. C. Foushee; T. E. Wyche, Local Preacher. Stewards: B. R. Avent, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, W. L. Thomas, Sion H. Cox, J. P. McDavid, S. B. Worthy, J. L. Covington, R. H. Mann, and D. F. Harris. Parsonage Trustees: Mrs. L. M. Foushee and J. L. Covington. J. L. Covington was elected Recording Steward, Mrs. W. M. Holt, Church Conference Secretary. Rev. L. H. Joyner, a retired minister, was a member of the Quarterly Conference.

The first Quarterly Conference records of February 8, 1926, show that the Jonesboro Church was supposed to



pay \$887 of the \$2,400 pastor's salary promised by the charge.

In the second Quarterly Conference which met May 1, 1926, B. R. Avent, J. P. McDavid and W. L. Thomas were appointed a building committee for the Mecca Bible class room, adjacent the church.

The fourth Quarterly Conference record shows the entire assessments and salaries were raised in full—no deficit on any item.

The Conference year beginning with November, 1926, and ending with November, 1927 had the same officers as the previous year for Jonesboro Church with additional elected Stewards as follows: L. L. Thomas, R. L. Robertson, and A. C. Harris; Treasurer, Superannuate Endowment, B. R. Avent; Director for the Golden Cross Society, Mrs. J. P. McDavid; President of Senior Epworth League, Miss Vivian Avent. Students attending Methodist schools: Louisburg College, Elizabeth Thomas; Greensboro College, Lucy Lambeth.

The pastor's report of October 18, 1927, shows the Mecca Bible class room at Jonesboro was completed in this year. The building was known as The Men's Hut.

The Woman's Missionary Society membership 50; Epworth League, 20 active and 16 honorary members.

In the first Quarterly Conference, held December 17, 1928, the record shows the following church officers: Superintendent of Sunday School, C. C. Foushee; Trustees, B. R. Avent, R. L. Peele, and R. W. Barnes; Stewards, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, B. R. Avent, W. L. Thomas, Sion H. Cox, S. B. Worthy, J. L. Covington, R. H. Mann, D. F. Harris, J. P. McDavid, L. L. Thomas, W. J. Cameron, and R. L. Robertson. D. F. Harris, Charge Lay Leader. Rev.

L. H. Joyner and T. E. Wyche, members of the Quarterly Conference. Parsonage Trustees: Mrs. L. M. Foushee, and J. L. Covington. President Senior League, J. L. Covington, Jr. Miss Florrie Matthews was elected Steward in the year 1929. Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School in 1929 was L. L. Thomas. In the second Quarterly Conference, of May 5, a leave of absence for vacation of ten days in June was granted Mr. Hinson. In the third Quarterly Conference of this year it was announced that Rev. A. A. Kyles, assistant pastor, was rendering very fine help and doing some much needed work on the Jonesboro charge. The four years Rev. Mr. Hinson spent on this charge were busy years, but they were filled with much happiness and splendid fellowship.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. I. T. POOLE

The Annual Conference of October, 1929, assigned Rev. I. T. Poole to the pastorate of Jonesboro circuit. The pastor and his family arrived at Jonesboro on the 15th day of November. They found upon entering the parsonage a warmth of friendship and fellowship which continued to grow throughout their years of service here.

The officers of the church for the current year 1930-31 were: Superintendent of Sunday School, C. C. Foushee; Assistant Superintendent L. L. Thomas; Trustees, B. R. Avent, R. L. Peele, and R. W. Barnes; Charge Lay Leader; D. F. Harris; Church Lay Leader, J. H. Worthy; Stewards, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, Miss Florrie Matthews, B. R. Avent, W. L. Thomas, Sion H. Cox, S. B. Worthy, J. L. Covington, R. H. Mann, D. F. Harris, L. L. Thomas, R. L. Robertson and S. W. Womble. President of the

Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. D. Pegram. President, Epworth League, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, Rev. L. H. Joyner, Superannuate, and Rev. T. E. Wyche, Local Preacher were members of the Quarterly Conference. The first Quarterly Conference held at Jonesboro, December 28, 1929, fixed the pastor's salary at \$2,400. Jonesboro was apportioned \$860. In the pastor's report to the second Quarterly Conference of April 20, 1930 the church here had been re-plastered, and some improvements had been made on the parsonage.

The minutes of the third Quarterly Conference of 1930 show that Mrs. J. R. Dalrymple was elected Steward replacing Mrs. J. D. Pegram, deceased. At this same third Quarterly Conference, the minutes show that L. L. Thomas, B. R. Avent and J. L. Covington were appointed a committee to write Resolutions of Respect for Mrs. Pegram. In the fourth Quarterly Conference held September 20, 1930, E. M. O'Connell was elected church Trustee replacing R. L. Peele who had moved away. L. C. Mann was elected Steward replacing D. F. Harris, deceased. W. L. Thomas was elected Charge Lay Leader following Mr. Harris's death. At this Conference a committee was appointed consisting of J. L. Covington, B. R. Avent, and W. L. Thomas to write Resolutions of Respect for D. F. Harris. In this same year Mrs. T. E. Wyche, vice-president, of the Woman's Missionary Society reported a membership of 40, divided into three circles, amount sent to the district Secretary as pledge to the Alice Green fund \$142.26. An interesting item is found in the pastor's report to the fourth Quarterly Conference:

"Our Missionary Societies are functioning as usual and are doing an outstanding work. If our men could become as much

interested in missions as our ladies who are members of our Missionary Societies are, all the problems with which we deal would soon be settled."

For the Conference year the officers of the church were practically the same as for the previous year with exception that Cornelia Covington succeeded, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, as President of the Epworth League. The first Quarterly Conference of February 22, 1931, records show the pastor's salary was fixed at \$2,000. This decrease was caused by the present depression which had caused a falling-off in contributions from the churches. Jonesboro Church was apportioned \$717. In this same Quarterly Conference a resolution to sell Concord Church property was duly adopted.

In the third Quarterly Conference, held August 9, Resolutions of Appreciation for the work of J. R. Carruth of El Paso, Texas, student pastor for the summer was passed; Pastor Poole was granted two weeks' vacation.

In a meeting of the fourth Quarterly Conference held October 30, 1931, the supply pastor, G. R. Stafford, reported that the pastor was stricken with blood poisoning in the early days of September. He had been and remains very ill. Seeing that Rev. I. T. Poole would not be able to complete the year's work the Presiding Elder, W. A. Cade, secured G. R. Stafford of, the School of Religion, Duke University, to supply the work until Annual Conference. Every effort was made to bring the work to a successful conclusion. W. L. Thomas was the elected delegate to the Annual Conference.

## THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. E. BLALOCK

Rev. J. E. Blalock was born in Albemarle, N. C., March 20, 1884. He had served several pastorates before the Annual Conference of November, 1931, assigned him to Jonesboro charge, which he served 1932-34. He was a good pastor who loved his people. His outstanding work was the instruction of the children, and with gratifying results. At the first Conference Mr. Blalock presided over at Jonesboro, February 21, a motion was passed authorizing the Trustees to deed the cemetery owned by Jonesboro Church to the town of Jonesboro in consideration for stipulation—in the deed that they keep same in good condition. In this same Quarterly Conference the pastor's salary for the current year was fixed at \$2,000. The record shows that prayer meeting attendance at this church had averaged from twenty-four to one hundred two at the regular weekly meetings for the quarter. The following officers were reported: Trustees, E. M. O'Connell, R. W. Barnes, and B. R. Avent; Stewards, B. R. Avent, Sion H. Cox, Miss Florrie Matthews, Mrs. J. R. Dalrymple, S. B. Worthy, L. C. Mann, J. L. Covington, S. W. Womble, R. L. Robertson, L. L. Thomas, R. H. Mann, and W. L. Thomas; Superintendent of Sunday School, C. C. Foushee; President Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; President Epworth League, Velma O'Connell; Christian literature, Paul Eason; Superannuate, Rev. L. H. Joyner.

In the second Quarterly Conference held May 28, 1932, the pastor reported that T. E. Wyche, local preacher, was deceased.

In the pastor's report to the third Quarterly Conference of July 9, we note this item: "We find our members

heroic and loyal through these trying days. Our congregations are large and our revivals have been exceptionally good."

The minutes of the fourth Quarterly Conference of 1932 show that Jonesboro Auxiliary had a membership of 24; sent to Conference Treasurer \$155.90, spent for parsonage furniture and stove \$98, clothing an orphan \$38.25.

For the Conference year 1933-34, W. L. Thomas had become the Charge Lay Leader and J. L. Covington was a church Trustee. Miss Flora Wyche had become president of the Epworth League and Mrs. Ethel Rives had become Director of Golden Cross. Other church officers were the same as the previous year.

At the first Quarterly Conference held in Jonesboro January 15, 1933, the Jonesboro Church was authorized to proceed with the work on Sunday School rooms according to plans to be made later.

In the second Quarterly Conference, of April 9, announcement was made that some improvement had been made on the Jonesboro Church property by the addition of three Sunday School rooms, on a "pay as you go" plan.

The records of the third Quarterly Conference of August 20, 1933, show that Miss Grace Mann was a member of the Local Church Board of Christian Education. Rev. C. T. Thrift was the assistant pastor provided by the Duke Foundation; under his direction Cokesbury schools were held in which credits were awarded, Jonesboro received 16. Some interesting notes of this same conference were given in the pastor's report: "In view of the bountiful crops which have been provided in this section, and the anticipated good prices we hope to bring up all our finances in full this fall."



The fourth Quarterly Conference minutes show that improvement was made in the attractiveness and comfort of Jonesboro Church auditorium by the installation of two heatrolas and the building of outside flues. Mrs. Belle Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer the Woman's Missionary Society, reported total sent to conference treasurer on pledge \$115, to orphan \$23, local church work \$23.75.

The first Quarterly Conference held February 18, 1934, seems to list some new names on the Board of Stewards: Phil Cameron, Hamett Mann, R. R. Knight, and A. T. Lambeth. President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. K. Hunt; Superintendent of Sunday School, W. C. Stroud; Missionary Committee, Mrs. A. T. Lambeth. In this same Quarterly Conference L. L. Thomas, B. R. Avent and J. L. Covington were appointed a committee to draw up suitable resolutions for W. J. Cameron (deceased). It was ordered that the resolutions be entered on the minutes of the Conference record.

In a meeting of the third Quarterly Conference held August 12, 1934, a committee to draw up resolutions and present them at the next Quarterly Conference for S. B. Worthy, deceased, were named as follows: J. L. Covington, W. C. Stroud, L. L. Thomas.

Mrs. J. K. Hunt made a report for the Missionary Society, which stated that the Society met honor roll requirements, increased their budget and the membership was 67.

The pastor's report to the Fourth Quarterly Conference meeting October 21, 1934, shows all the churches on the charge were making encouraging progress in financial matters, about six hundred dollars ahead of their

standing at this time the previous year—expected to raise all obligations in full this year.

In 1934, Jonesboro Woman's Missionary Society named the Auxiliary "Belle Barnes" for its secretary-treasurer.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. J. W. BRADLEY

When Rev. J. W. Bradley came to the pastorate of the churches on Jonesboro circuit, he succeeded his wife's brother-in-law in carrying on the work here; he and the previous pastor J. E. Blalock having married sisters.

Mr. Bradley was sent here by appointment of the Annual Conference in November, 1934. As a pastor he was sympathetic and devoted a lot of time to visiting the sick and shut-ins. The officers of the church during this new pastorate were: Superintendent of Church School, W. C. Stroud; President, Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. K. Hunt; Stewards, B. R. Avent, J. L. Covington, R. H. Mann, R. L. Robertson, L. L. Thomas, W. L. Thomas, Miss Florrie Matthews, Mrs. J. R. Dalrymple, Mrs. T. C. Black, R. R. Knight, Hamett Mann, A. T. Lambeth, and W. E. Moses; Trustees, B. R. Avent, E. M. O'Connell and R. W. Barnes; Mrs. H. L. Stone, Director Golden Cross; Miss Flora Wyche, Secretary, of the Board of Education.

In a meeting of the first Quarterly Conference held January 6, 1935, the Board of Stewards estimated \$2,000 pastor's salary for the current year.

The pastor's report to the second Quarterly Conference of April 28, shows that 15 joined Jonesboro Church on profession of faith during a revival; three were received by letter. Mr. Bradley had made arrangements with J. M. Ormond of Duke University to have as assistant pastor



for the summer, Rev. Ray S. Cody. In the fourth Quarterly Conference held October 13, 1935, the Woman's Missionary Society report given by Mrs. Hunt shows; members 72, amount sent to Conference treasurer \$152.17. Rating on Standard of Excellence 1. The pastor's salary was reported as paid in full.

The first Quarterly Conference minutes of January 29, 1936, show that L. L. Thomas was elected Superintendent of Church School. General officers of the Church Board of Christian Education were: Chairman, L. L. Thomas; Secretary, A. Paul Rosser; Superintendent Adult Division, Mrs. J. W. Bradley; Young Peoples Division, Louise Covington; Superintendent Children's Division, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey; Treasurer, R. H. Mann. At this same first Quarterly Conference the minutes show that the pastor's salary was decreased from \$2,000 to \$1,600 now that the charge consists of Jonesboro, Lemon Springs, and Poplar Springs. Jonesboro Church was apportioned \$900, Lemon Springs \$350, Poplar Springs \$350. Jonesboro Church was the only church on the charge that undertook to make regular monthly payments through the year using the budget system. In the second Quarterly Conference, held April 12, 1936, the Church School at Jonesboro was making splendid progress, having an average attendance of 200.

Mrs. Hunt's report to the fourth Quarterly Conference shows \$174.25 sent to Conference Treasurer; \$79.10 spent for local work. Paid preacher in charge \$1725, for the year.

## THE PASTORATE OF REV. P. H. FIELDS

The Annual Conference which met in New Bern, November, 1936, assigned Rev. P. H. Fields to the Jonesboro charge. He was a good worker in church activities. By his friendliness and geniality he won many friends here. The Quarterly Conference roll for the Conference year 1936-37 were: Sunday School Superintendent, L. L. Thomas; Chairman, Board of Christian Education, H. L. Stone; President, Young People's Department, Katherine Patton; President Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. R. Dalrymple; Director of Golden Cross, Miss Mayme Gibbons; Assistant Superintendent of Children's Division, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey; Superannuate, L. H. Joyner. Church Trustees: B. R. Avent, R. W. Barnes, and E. M. O'Connell. Stewards: B. R. Avent, J. L. Covington, R. H. Mann, R. L. Robertson, L. L. Thomas, W. L. Thomas, R. R. Knight, L. C. Mann, T. A. Hartley, T. C. Riddle, Mrs. J. R. Dalrymple, Mrs. T. C. Black, Miss Florrie Matthews and A. T. Lambeth, honorary.

In the meeting of the first Quarterly Conference, held January 3, 1937, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fields, reported new officers and committees had been elected for the year and installed at the regular preaching service. The same quarterly conference increased the pastor's salary. Jonesboro congregation was apportioned \$1,000 of the total \$1,800.

In the pastor's report to the second Quarterly Conference of April 19, a revival had been held at Jonesboro April 17-28, 14 received on profession of faith, 21 by letter.

Mrs. Dalrymple's report to the fourth Quarterly Conference of 1937 shows members enrolled 72, \$185.55 sent to the Conference Treasurer, \$86.50 spent for local church

work. At the same conference announcement was made of the recently organized Jonesboro circuit Young People's Union made up of the young people of the three churches.

The minutes of the first Quarterly Conference held at Jonesboro, December 26, 1937, show the following church officers for the Jonesboro Church: Pastor, P. H. Fields; Trustees, B. R. Avent, E. M. O'Connell and R. W. Barnes; Stewards, R. R. Knight, W. L. Thomas, L. L. Thomas, R. H. Mann, L. P. Cox, R. L. Robertson, T. C. Riddle, J. L. Covington, B. R. Avent, and John D. Pegram; Superintendent of Church School, L. L. Thomas; Church School Board of Education: L. L. Thomas, H. L. Stone, Mrs. C. H. Campbell, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey; President Young People's Department, Russell Mann; Golden Cross, Mrs. H. L. Stone; Missionary Committee, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; Superannuates, L. H. Joyner, and L. M. Chaffin. The pastor's salary was estimated as \$1,900 for the current year; Jonesboro Church was apportioned \$1,100 at this same first Quarterly Conference.

At the second Quarterly Conference, held March 20, B. R. Avent and L. L. Thomas were appointed to confer with a committee from Broadway, with reference to assisting them in building a parsonage, and report back to the next Conference.

In the fourth Quarterly Conference, held November 1, 1938, the pastor reported that the church at Jonesboro had just completed putting down red carpet in the auditorium at a cost of \$400, largely raised through the efforts of Mrs. R. R. Knight.

## THE PASTORATE OF REV. DWIGHT L. FOUTS

Rev. Dwight L. Fouts came to Jonesboro charge in November, 1938, by appointment of the Annual Conference. This pastorate lasted for four years. The Rev. Mr. Fouts was a devout, consecrated pastor and preacher, and was highly esteemed in the communities where he had served.

At the first Conference Mr. Fouts presided over at Jonesboro, February 26, 1939, he announced that the young people were quite active at Jonesboro Church. The official roll of Quarterly Conference members in this year were: Superannuates, L. H. Joyner and L. M. Chaffin; Sunday School Superintendent, L. L. Thomas; Secretary Quarterly Conference, J. D. Pegram; Church Trustees, B. R. Avent, E. M. O'Connell and R. W. Barnes; Stewards, L. P. Cox, chairman, R. R. Knight, B. R. Avent, E. M. O'Connell, R. L. Robertson, J. L. Covington, L. L. Thomas, T. C. Riddle, W. L. Thomas, L. C. Mann, J. D. Pegram, Paul Rosser, Ray W. Barnes, and R. H. Mann, Jr.; President Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. H. L. Stone; President Young People's Department, Lucille Wilson; Young People's Representative, Margaret Kelly; Chairman, Missionary Committee, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; Chairman Board Christian Education, L. L. Thomas; Superintendent of Adult Division, H. L. Stone; Superintendent Young People's Division, Mrs. C. H. Campbell; Superintendent of Children's Division, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey; Director of Golden Cross, Miss Amey Womble. The pastor's salary for the current year was \$2,000, with \$1,160 apportioned to Jonesboro Church. At this same first Conference the Jonesboro Stewards announced definite plans for repairs and improvements at the parsonage. Mr. Fouts reported that three ladies classes of the Church

School at Jonesboro had installed a new electric range in the parsonage. Mrs. R. R. Knight served as chairman of the project.

The second Quarterly Conference Secretary announced the "Budget System" had again been adopted by the Stewards. The pastor reported 11 new church members received following a ten-day series of pre-Easter services conducted at Jonesboro by Rev. C. W. Goldston of Red Oak, N. C. Announcement was made that the Young People's Union had been expanded into Lee County Young People's Union. The following improvements had been made at the parsonage—roof painted, bathroom built upstairs, fully equipped.

Minutes of the fourth Quarterly Conference held October 18, 1939, show that the Epworth League of the Young People's Division had begun the new year with renewed life, under the leadership of Miss Hazel Copeland, Adult Advisor. Mrs. Stone reported the Missionary Society met the council requirements for the standard of excellence, 72 members enrolled, amount sent to Conference Treasurer \$187.60, amount spent for local church work \$190.75. Announcement was made in this same fourth Quarterly Conference that R. R. Knight was elected delegate to the Annual Conference, L. P. Cox was elected alternate. Mr. Knight was to represent this church in the new conference following the merger of the Annual Conferences. This ends the activities of the Jonesboro Church as a Methodist Episcopal Church, South. From this time on it is simply a Methodist Church.

For the year 1940 the Quarterly Conference roll of members shows that Emma Grace Knight succeeded Lucille Wilson as president of Young People's Depart-

ment. In October, Eddie W. Cox was elected Young People's Leader. S. T. Cox was elected Steward, to fill the vacancy created when A. Paul Rosser moved away.

The last Annual Conference placed Poplar Springs on circuit with Broadway; the Jonesboro Charge being composed of two churches—Jonesboro and Lemon Springs. In the first Quarterly Conference of this year the pastor's salary was fixed at \$2,000, Jonesboro apportioned \$1,580. The minutes of the second Quarterly Conference held March 10, 1940, show that W. L. Thomas, was elected Trustee replacing E. M. O'Connell, deceased. Also a committee was appointed for adjusting equity of Jonesboro and Broadway parsonage: Hugh A. Palmer, Dr. M. L. Matthews, and F. Y. Hanner of Sanford. The pastor reported to this conference that Miss Mayme Gibbons' Bible Class had new brick steps built to the front of the church at a total cost of \$162.90. The records show that Miss Thelma Harrington, Treasurer, reported material donated for the steps by interested persons amounted to \$59.60. Church school was growing in attendance and effectiveness—300 mark was reached at Jonesboro. Students attending church schools were: Mary John Thomas, Maude Von Canon, Hollis Nell Cox, Greensboro College; Lora Foy Caddell, Dan Bright Robertson, Louisburg College; Howard Louis Cox and Claude Chaffin, Duke University.

In the last Annual Conference of the Woman's Missionary Societies there was a merger of the Women's Work; henceforth it is the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The permanent records of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Jonesboro Church show it



was organized September 16, 1940, by Dwight L. Fouts, pastor.

Officers October, 1940-December, 1941

President .....Mrs. L. L. Thomas  
Vice-President .....Mrs. T. C. Black  
Recording Secretary .....Mrs. E. L. Watson  
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer .....Mrs. C. F. Malloy  
Secretary of Missionary

Education and Service.....Mrs. Dwight L. Fouts  
Secretary of Christian Social Relations

and Local Church Activities.....Mrs. W. L. Thomas  
Secretary of Literature and Publications..Mrs. J. H. Worthy  
Secretary of Supplies.....Mrs. Minnie Makepeace  
Secretary of Student Work .....Mrs. R. L. Robertson  
Secretary of Children's Work .....Mrs. C. A. Godfrey  
Secretary Baby Specials .....Mrs. J. L. Covington  
Counselor of Young People .....Miss Hazel Copeland

With the officers, the following were charter members: Mrs. Hugh L. Stone, Mrs. A. R. Rives, Miss Mayme Gibbons, Miss Nell Gibbs, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons Sasser, Mrs. J. N. Martin, Mrs. H. B. Bowman, Mrs. W. G. Temple, Mrs. T. A. Hartley, Mrs. A. A. Sloan, Miss Mell McDavid, Mrs. E. M. O'Connell, Mrs. Lura O'Connell, Mrs. Claudia Matthews, Mrs. S. T. Cox, Mrs. Carrie Womble, Mrs. W. C. Stone, Mrs. A. A. Lowe, Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. B. A. Osborne, Miss Gladys Brown, Mrs. E. F. O'Connell, Mrs. C. H. Campbell, Mrs. R. H. Mann, Mrs. C. B. Patton, Mrs. S. E. Buchanan, Mrs. Chas. Trebuchon, Mrs. Carr Buchanan, Miss Eliza H. Rives, Mrs. Eliza M. Harris, Mrs. W. E. Moses, Mrs. J. A. White, Miss Mamie Thomas, Mrs. C. H. Von Canon, Mrs. Vann O'Connell, Mrs. Chas. C. Foushee, Miss Mary E. Dew, Mrs. D. M. Dew, Mrs. C. P. Smith, Mrs. Matie Adams Clark, Miss Flora Wyche, Mrs. J. R. Dalrymple, Miss Eula Matthews, Mrs. T. C. Riddle, Mrs. L. P. Cox, Mrs. B. R. Avent, Jr., Mrs. Eugene Gibson, Mrs. H. L. Caddell, Miss Bess Barnes, Miss Vivian Avent, Miss Cornelia Avent, Miss Sarah Godfrey, Miss Myra Godfrey, Mrs. T. D. Meeks, Mrs. L. H. Joyner, Mrs. J. M. Lloyd (Ruth Porter), Mrs. T. E. Wyche, Miss Edythe Wyche,

Mrs. Dion Hunt, Miss Amey Womble, Mrs. Maude McBryde, Mrs. J. K. Hunt, Miss Gladys Carter, Mrs. Sion H. Cox, Mrs. Marvin P. Campbell, Miss Thelma Harrington, Miss Eunice Harrington, Mrs. A. T. Lambeth, Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, Miss Florrie Matthews, Mrs. Wilma Saunders, Mrs. Hamett Mann, Miss Grace Mann, Mrs. James Yarborough, Mrs. Heber W. Windley, Miss Cornelia Atkins, Mrs. Harold Jordan, Mrs. Evander True-love, Mrs. J. P. McDavid, Mrs. L. M. Chaffin.

Mrs. Stone reported to the Quarterly Conference held October 31, 1940, that \$214 had been sent to Conference Treasurer, \$149.60 spent for local church work.

For the Conference year 1941-42, the officers of the church were: Trustees, B. R. Avent, R. W. Barnes and W. L. Thomas; Parsonage Trustees, L. P. Cox and L. L. Thomas; Stewards, B. R. Avent, L. P. Cox, B. R. Avent, Jr., R. W. Barnes, Seth T. Cox, J. L. Covington, Miss Margaret Kelly, Zeb Harrington, Raymond Mann, Jr., Miss Florrie Matthews, John D. Pegram, L. L. Thomas, W. L. Thomas, T. C. Riddle, R. L. Robertson, Miss Katie Rosser, S. W. Womble, Jr.; President Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; President Young People, Joe H. Mann; Superintendent Church School, L. L. Thomas; Golden Cross, Miss Amey Womble; Music, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thomas; Church Board of Education, W. L. Thomas, L. P. Cox, B. R. Avent, Miss Thelma Harrington and W. F. Veasey; Church Board of Missions and Church Extension, D. M. Dew and W. L. Thomas.

In February 1941 the Woman's Society of Christian Service gave a Communion Table made of walnut to the church. The table was made by W. L. Thomas, one of the Stewards.



In the second Quarterly Conference held April 6, 1941, James Claude Chaffin was recommended to the District Conference for license to preach—license granted.

On April 6, 1941, the Wesley Workers Bible Class had an indirect lighting system installed in the church. Messrs. Homer McIver and Doyle McFarland, owners of Macks' 5 & 10 Stores, Sanford, N. C., donated the fixtures.

In the pastor's report to the Quarterly Conference held October 26, 1941, is the following item: "One thing that has greatly helped the Jonesboro Church has been the organization of a vested choir under the direction of Mrs. W. H. White (Eloise Bass), of Sanford. The new choir made its first appearance on the third Sunday in October. The people are delighted with it. We now have twenty-two voices." Mrs. Thomas made an annual report to this same fourth Quarterly Conference, members 112, total offerings to missions \$247.46, local church activities \$111.22.

Mr. Fouts, reported to the second Quarterly Conference meeting April 19, 1942, that the the young people of Jonesboro held what they called—"Youth Week-End," in February. This seemed to be an innovation in youth work. The idea originated with Miss Hazel Copeland, counselor for the young people. The theme was: "Youth Facing the Future." The program began with a banquet on Friday evening at the home of the L. P. Cox's and closed with a consecration and Communion Service on Sunday afternoon at the church. Three officers of the North Carolina Conference Youth Fellowship assisted in the observance. They were: Miss Kitty Wilson of Greensboro College, Harris Proctor and Max Warren of Duke University.

The third Quarterly Conference records of July 19, 1942, show the following improvements made to the Jonesboro Church—new cords and screens in the windows; the third floor of the Church School building painted, a gift by Mrs. J. D. Pegram, and B. R. Avent. New offering plates for the church, a gift by the Wesley Workers Bible Class, Mrs. L. P. Cox, President.

At the fourth Quarterly Conference, L. L. Thomas reported an average Church School attendance of 211 for the year. Mrs. Thomas reported total offerings for missions in 1942 was \$283.50. Local work \$244.71. The pastor's annual report shows 18 were received on profession of faith, 12 baptised, total membership of this church, 454.

The Trustee's annual report to the Quarterly Conference of October 25, 1942 shows parsonage equity of Broadway charge was \$500.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. L. L. PARRISH

The Annual Conference of 1942 assigned Rev. Leslie L. Parrish to Jonesboro charge, where he served three years. He was a man of stern and positive character and a good preacher. Rev. Mr. Parrish found the church well organized for carrying on the different phases of work. At the beginning of this pastorate the Quarterly Conference records show the following members on the roll for the Conference year 1942-43: Trustees, B. R. Avent, R. W. Barnes and W. L. Thomas; Superintendent of church school, L. L. Thomas; Stewards, B. R. Avent, B. R. Avent, Jr., R. W. Barnes, L. P. Cox, S. T. Cox, J. L. Covington, Miss Margaret E. Kelly, Zeb Harrington, J. B. Lipscomb,

R. H. Mann, Jr., C. B. Patton, J. D. Pegram, T. C. Riddle, R. L. Robertson, L. L. Thomas, W. L. Thomas, W. F. Veasey, Mrs. C. H. Von Canon, Sam W. Womble, Jr.; Parsonage Trustees, L. P. Cox and L. L. Thomas; President Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; President Youth Organization, Ruth Covington; Golden Cross, Miss Amey Womble. Janice Trebuchon, Youth representative. Retired minister, L. H. Joyner; Literature, J. H. Worthy; Church Board of Education, W. F. Veasey, W. L. Thomas, B. R. Avent, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pegram; Church Board of Missions and Church Extension, D. M. Dew; Music, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, W. L. Thomas, Mrs. L. P. Cox and Mrs. J. D. Pegram.

Woman's Society of Christian Service officers 1943-44: President, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Vice-President, Mrs. Dion Hunt; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Watson; Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Malloy; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. R. L. Robertson; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Vann O'Connell; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Minnie Makepeace; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. T. C. Black; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. L. L. Parrish; Secretary of Young Women and Girls Work, Mrs. H. J. Sink; Circle Leaders, Miss Bess Barnes, Mrs. Eugene Gibson, Mrs. S. T. Cox, Mrs. W. E. Moses, Mrs. E. F. O'Connell, Miss Sarah Godfrey, Mrs. W. I. Garriss.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored a tea in March, 1943, at the parsonage in celebration of the

silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. Leslie L. Parrish, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Parrish. Guests were members of Jonesboro and Lemon Springs churches, and other friends of the couple in the community.

In reviewing the records of the Society in the first three months of 1943 it is soon discovered that Jonesboro Woman's Society was loyal in support of temperance. A very important step was taken when a petition was sent to the local town board asking that beer not be sold in town from mid-night Saturday until mid-night Sunday. A petition was also sent to the Legislature asking that the sale of whiskey and wine be abolished.

The society cooperated with the war committee of the Parent-Teacher Association of the local school in a drive to collect books that were sent to the "Soldier Center." Many of its members worked at the Red Cross room making bandages and taking the home nursing course. Total membership 108, offering for missions 1943, \$256.99.

Mr. Parrish's report to the Quarterly Conference held November 28, 1943, shows the Jonesboro Church was in the process of repairing and painting. \$1,000 had been raised for this purpose. Students attending Greensboro College, Mary Leslie Robertson, Amelia Rives.

Mrs. Cox's report to this same Conference shows a committee from each church in town, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Shallow Well Christian, worked together in editing the "Jonesboro Journal" which contained church news and social happenings of the community, which were mailed to the men and women in the service of our country and to the students in college.

In this year, 1943, Jonesboro Church cooperated with the other denominations in town in raising funds to hire

a Bible teacher to teach Bible in the local school. This church was apportioned \$100 which it raised.

In 1944-45, the church officers were practically the same as at the beginning of this pastorate except H. J. Sink had been elected Steward replacing R. W. Barnes, deceased. Catherine Buchanan was President of Youth Fellowship and L. P. Cox had become a church Trustee. In the list we find these additional names: Stewards, A. B. Harrington, Jr., L. G. Avery, Hamett Mann and G. Brantley Myers. Church Board of Missions and Church Extension, H. J. Sink and B. R. Avent. Church Board of Education, W. F. Veasey, Mrs. J. D. Pegram. Collectors: L. P. Cox, S. T. Cox, R. L. Robertson, C. B. Patton. Ushers: J. L. Covington, J. H. Worthy, W. F. Veasey.

In 1944, the Stewards announced that the tentative budget for the year was \$3,579.85. The pastor's salary was \$2,600. The records show Jonesboro Church paid \$2,100, of the assessment.

The Baptismal font was given to the church by the Cox family in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sion H. Cox.

On June 18, 1944, Rev. Mr. Parrish baptised Benjamin Rush Avent III, using the new font. He was the first infant baptised after the font was installed.

On Sunday, September 24, 1944, the pastor made the following announcement to the congregation:

"The new stars appearing on our Service Banner this morning are honoring the following young men who have recently gone into the armed forces: Edward Wilton Cox, J. T. Cox, Jr., J. Ordra Doby, Malcolm Jackson, J. Elbert O'Connell, Marvin Thomas, and John Henry Worthy."

In this same year the Woman's Society of Christian

Service with a membership of 114 contributed \$297.00 to Missions.

The annual report given by Mr. Thomas shows total enrollment of Church School 338, average attendance 175, amount raised \$505.00.

The church Treasurer's annual report November, 1943, to November 1, 1944, shows the total receipts \$6,481.08, total disbursed \$5,418.22.

Mr. Parrish reported the membership of Jonesboro Church in 1944 was 517.

In the first Quarterly Conference which met December 10, 1944, the pastor stated that in December the church at Jonesboro suffered a small loss in the fire which took place during the morning worship.

The pastor made the following announcement to the second Quarterly Conference, held March 18, 1945. "To our great sorrow, we have lost five of our young men who were in the armed forces. They were members of Jonesboro and Lemon Springs respectfully."

The minutes of the fourth Quarterly Conference, held October 16, 1945, show that the Board of Trustees were authorized to accept a conditional donation from the Duke Endowment not exceeding \$2,000.00 for the purpose of remodeling interior of the church.

Mr. Thomas, Superintendent of the Sunday School, reported that 38 Church School pupils joined the church in this same year, the total enrollment was 370, average attendance 168.

At the close of this year Mr. Parrish reported that the Jonesboro Church raised its quota for the "Crusade for Christ."

Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in

1945 were: President, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Vice-President, Miss Bess Barnes; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Watson; Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Rives; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and LCA, Mrs. C. B. Patton; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Miss Margaret E. Kelly; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. J. A. White; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. T. C. Black; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. H. L. Caddell; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. L. L. Parrish. Circle Leaders were: Mrs. R. H. Mann, Mrs. Eugene Gibson, Mrs. S. T. Cox, Mrs. W. I. Garris, Mrs. A. B. Harrington, Jr., Miss Sarah Godfrey.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. C. P. WOMACK

The Annual Conference meeting in Goldsboro, in 1945, sent Rev. L. L. Parrish to Jacksonville and sent the Rev. C. P. Womack to Jonesboro. Mr. Womack was a native of Arkansas. He was a good preacher; he was positive and preached with power.

For the Conference year of 1945-46 the following were officers: Trustees, B. R. Avent, L. P. Cox, C. B. Patton, L. L. Thomas and W. L. Thomas. The Stewards were: B. R. Avent, B. R. Avent, Jr., L. P. Cox, E. Surles Cox, S. T. Cox, J. L. Covington, J. B. Lipscomb, J. D. Pegram, Zeb Harrington, A. B. Harrington, Jr., Hamett Mann, Herbert L. Mann, G. B. Myers, C. B. Patton, T. C. Riddle, R. L. Robertson, L. L. Thomas, and W. L. Thomas. President Youth Fellowship, Jean Lloyd; Church Board of Education: L. L. Thomas, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, Miss Bess



Barnes; Church Board of Missions and Church Extension: Mrs. C. A. Godfrey and Mrs. L. P. Cox; Sunday School Superintendent, J. B. Lipscomb.

Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1946 are the same as of the previous year, except, we find that Mrs. Duncan Cox had become the Recording Secretary and Mrs. S. G. Harrington was Secretary of Literature and Publications. Mrs. C. P. Womack had become Secretary of Spiritual Life, and Mrs. Glenn Matthews Leader for Circle No. 6.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the church was organized by Mrs. L. P. Cox in the early spring of 1946. Six business women met one morning in the church following Church School and the six composed the charter members. They were Miss Sarah Godfrey, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, Miss Mary Jon Thomas, Miss Edythe Wyche, Miss Ruth Martin, Miss Flora Wyche. Miss Godfrey was elected President and Mrs. Pegram was Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer.

In the list for the Conference year 1946-47 are the names of two newly elected Stewards. These are: A. Paul Rosser and Samuel W. Womble, Jr.

Student attending Methodist School: Greenboro College, Miss Norma Cox.

One outstanding feature of Mr. Womack's first year in Jonesboro included a comprehensive program of renovation and redecoration of the Jonesboro sanctuary. However, the work was not started as early in the year as had been expected. One of the things that held up the renovating of the sanctuary was the difficulty of the membership in agreeing on whether to renovate or build a new church on the same site. In the meeting of the member-



ship to decide the issue, the pastor explained the procedure of voting for a new church, also for renovating. A motion was made by E. S. Cox that we build a new church building. An amendment was made by Mrs. L. P. Cox that we either build or renovate as seems best. The vote on the amendment to renovate was yes, 100; no, 40. The vote on the original motion to build a new church house was defeated. A motion was made by J. B. Lipscomb that the pastor and Board of Stewards appoint a building committee and begin at once. The following building committee was appointed: J. D. Pegram, Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Miss Sarah Godfrey, W. L. Thomas, Miss Bess Barnes and L. P. Cox.

The building committee employed as architect Charles Benton of Wilson, N. C., of the firm Benton and Son.

A renovating plan designed by Mr. Benton was adopted. After Mr. Benton had made his first sketches, the membership of the church was invited to go over the plans with the building committee. Renovating to be supervised by L. P. Cox Co.

There seems to be nothing in the records to indicate just when the changes made in the sanctuary were started; however, in the Quarterly Conference, held October 1, 1946, the Treasurer reported that \$741.23 had been spent on the sanctuary.

In October, 1946, the Woman's Society of Christian Service paid \$500.00 to the church Treasurer to be applied on the remodeling debt.

The Treasurer's report shows that the congregation was systematic in contributing to the building fund during 1946-47.

In the meeting of the fourth Quarterly Conference, held

October 7, 1947, the Church School Superintendent, J. B. Lipscomb, reported a total enrollment of 379, average attendance 202. Mr. Lipscomb stated that the attendance should be better but there was hardly room to accommodate those now attending, and that additional Sunday School rooms were needed to meet the crowded conditions.

Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1947: President, Miss Bess Barnes; Vice-President, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. J. Mann; Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Rives; Secretary Missionary Education, Mrs. B. R. Avent, Jr.; Secretary Christian Social Relations and L. C. A., Mrs. W. R. Hartness, Jr.; Secretary Literature and Publications, Mrs. B. J. Mann; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. J. A. White; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. T. C. Black; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. C. P. Womack; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. Glenn Matthews; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. E. Moses. Circle Leaders: Mrs. R. H. Mann, Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Mrs. C. B. Patton, Mrs. W. I. Garris, Mrs. Hugh Hunter, Mrs. Frontis Wilson. Wesleyan Service Guild: President, Miss Flora Wyche; Vice-President, Miss Vivian Avent; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Pegram.

#### GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Gifts to the church in 1947 were: the beautiful altar, by Mrs. Thomas Woodrow Yarborough (Hollis Nell Cox), Misses Mary and Ruth McPhail, in memory of Thomas Woodrow Yarborough; altar cross in honor of Virginia E. Cox, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cox; altar candle holders in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Godfrey, by their children; altar vases, by Mrs. Glenn Matthews' cir-

cle; Hammond Organ, by R. H. Mann and family, in memory of Joe Mann; the pulpit, by J. T. Mallard, in memory of Mrs. Minnie C. Mallard; the pulpit Bible presented in honor of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Joyner, by their children; Sallman's Head of Christ, a memorial to Carrie Bell Buchanan Thomas, by her husband and children; carpet and church pews, by B. R. Avent and family and L. L. Thomas and family.

Bronze plaques, placed in the sanctuary, will signify the gifts.

Following the installation of the Hammond Organ an organ recital was held in July, 1947, with Rev. C. P. Womack in charge.

As a part of the service special organ selections were rendered by the guest organist, Mr. Lyman Seymour of Durham, son of Mrs. T. Y. Seymour and the late Rev. Mr. Seymour.

The first time that our Hammond Organ was used for a wedding ceremony was on September 18, 1947, when the Rev. C. P. Womack officiated at the double wedding ceremony of Miss Dorothy Dalrymple to John Snipes, and Miss Mary Jon Thomas to Glenn Chandler.

The pastor's report to the fourth Quarterly Conference October 7, 1947, shows that the total membership of Jonesboro Church was 539. In this same Quarterly Conference Mr. Womack reported the sanctuary completed and furnished with special gifts.

This year, 1947, ushered in a new era for the town which received its original charter in 1872. There was a merger of the two towns—Jonesboro and Sanford on July 1, 1947. Jonesboro was given an additional name "Heights." It is now Jonesboro Heights, Sanford.

At a meeting of the Quarterly Conference October 7, 1947, it was voted that the Jonesboro Church, retain the name, The Jonesboro Methodist Church.

#### THE PASTORATE OF REV. B. F. BOONE

The Annual Conference, meeting in the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City, November 5-9, 1947, assigned Rev. B. F. Boone to the pastorate of Jonesboro charge, succeeding Rev. C. P. Womack who was sent to Roxboro. Mr. Boone's pastorate in Jonesboro lasted for one year. But his jolly disposition made him very popular and the sick and shut-ins looked forward to his visits.

Some items in the budget for the Conference year 1947-48 are: Pastor's salary \$2,460 (total for charge \$3,200); World Service and Benevolence \$336; Orphanage \$318.56; The Methodist College Advance \$152; total budget \$5,722.22.

In the Conference year the officers of the church were practically the same as of the previous year except that Lillie Beth Von Canon succeeded Jean Lloyd as President of the Youth Fellowship, and O. A. Zachary was elected Steward.

In the second Quarterly Conference, held February 29, 1948, the pastor reported that the members of Jonesboro Church had made definite plans to raise the amount of money needed to build an Educational building.

In the fourth Quarterly Conference of that year J. B. Lipscomb, Superintendent of Sunday School reported an enrollment for the year of 391. He also stated that the Sunday School donated \$500 to the Educational Building Fund from its Treasury.

## THE PASTORATE OF REV. T. M. VICK, JR.

The Annual Conference of 1948 sent Rev. B. F. Boone to St. Pauls and sent Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., who had been serving at Bahama, to Jonesboro. The Rev. Mr. Vick was a native of Crisco, Texas. He was the first of Texas' native sons to be appointed pastor of the Jonesboro Church. He was a good pastor and preacher.

In the list of officers of the church for the Conference year 1948-49 we find these names: Superintendent of Sunday School, J. B. Lipscomb; Trustees, B. R. Avent, L. P. Cox, W. L. Thomas and L. L. Thomas; Stewards, L. L. Thomas, Chairman, J. D. Pegram, L. P. Cox, J. B. Lipscomb, B. R. Avent, B. R. Avent, Jr., C. N. Castleberry, Surles Cox, S. T. Cox, J. L. Covington, Zeb Harrington, Hamett Mann, Herbert Mann, G. B. Myers, C. B. Patton, T. C. Riddle, A. B. Harrington, Jr., R. L. Robertson, Paul Rosser, W. L. Thomas, Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Sam Womble, Jr.; Church Board of Education, J. B. Lipscomb, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, Miss Bess Barnes; Church Board of Missions, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, Miss Bess Barnes, Mrs. T. C. Black; President Youth Fellowship, Lillie Beth Von Canon.

Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1948-49 were: President, Miss Bess Barnes; Vice-President, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Bishop; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. T. Cox; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Covington; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. B. J. Mann; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. A. R. Rives; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Russell Mann; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. J. A. White; Secretary of Student Work, Miss

Amey Womble; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. T. C. Black; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. Glenn Matthews; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. E. Moses; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. Dion Hunt. Circle Leaders were: Mrs. C. B. Patton, Miss Mell McDavid, Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Mrs. Duncan Cox, Mrs. W. L. Bishop, Mrs. Hugh Hunter, Mrs. Arnold Kessler. Wesleyan Service Guild Officers were: President, Miss Flora Wyche; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Pegram. May 1949-May 1950, Miss Frances Buchanan, President, Wesleyan Service Guild.

In the meeting of the first Quarterly Conference, held December 26, 1948, permission was granted Jonesboro Church to build an Educational Building on the site of the present church lot. The pastor's salary for the current Conference year was fixed at \$3,200. Jonesboro was apportioned \$2,460, Lemon Springs \$740.

The Community Choral Club was organized at the church, in 1949, by the Rev. T. Marvin Vick, Jr. The following officers were elected: Director, T. M. Vick, Jr.; Pianist, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey; Secretary-Treasurer, W. L. Bishop. Members were: William H. Brooks, W. L. Bishop, W. E. Cox, S. T. Cox, W. Hasty Campbell, Albert L. Cox, Harvey Faulk, R. H. Mann, Jr., Herbert Mann, Harold Mann, Russell Mann, John L. Mann, Glenn Matthews, June Matthews, Clifford Payne, Clarence Swaringen, W. L. Thomas, L. L. Thomas, Dr. Bill Woltz, S. W. Womble, Jr., Tom Yow, Leonard Yarborough.

At a meeting of the membership of the church held March 1949, the pastor and J. B. Lipscomb presented a miniature of the Educational Building they had made. The plan was adopted with a few changes and it was decided to have plans and specifications made and to pro-

ceed when enough money was in sight. A building committee was elected. The committee consisted of J. D. Pegram, C. N. Castleberry, L. L. Thomas, T. C. Riddle. This committee reported a month later that Albert L. Cox had made the plans and specifications of the proposed Educational Building; the membership was invited to go over the plans with the building committee and pastor for further suggestions or approval. Every precaution was taken to get the building that would meet the needs.

Excavating was begun, in August, by L. P. Cox Co., of Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C., who had the general supervision for the work.

The structure was to connect with the existing church building.

In a meeting of the Quarterly Conference, held September 21, 1949, the Sunday School Snuperintendent, J. B. Lipscomb reported that construction on the Educational Building had begun. Mr. Lipscomb also reported the total Church School membership 378, average attendance 182.

At a meeting of the membership of the church held September 25, 1949, the pastor, Rev. T. M. Vick, expressed his appreciation for the fine year that the church had enjoyed in 1948-49. The spirit of the church was excellent and the cooperative attitude of the officials and members had made it possible for the church to make real progress. The program of the church had been carried out fully and the Jonesboro Church was then in the midst of a \$50,000 building program.

At a called Conference on October 30, 1949, the church Trustees were given authority to assist in the matter of



financing the Educational Building even as to mortgaging the property held in trust by them. In this same conference B. R. Avent's resignation as Trustee was accepted and John D. Pegram was elected to the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Avent's resignation.

For the Conference year 1949-50 the officers of the church were the same as for the previous year except that Mrs. L. P. Cox had succeeded Miss Bess Barnes as the President of WSCS, and Betty Ann Saunders succeeded Lillie Beth Von Canon as President of the Youth Fellowship. In the list of Stewards we find these new names: W. L. Bishop, Carl Foushee, O. A. Zachary, and R. H. Mann, Jr. Church Board of Education, Mrs. B. J. Mann, Mrs. J. D. Pegram, L. L. Thomas, Mrs. A. L. Isley and Mrs. T. C. Black.

In 1950 the Woman's Society of Christian Service officers were the following: President, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Marvin Vick, Jr., Mrs. Sam Davis; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. S. T. Cox; Recording Secretary, Miss Bess Barnes; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Covington; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. B. J. Mann; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. A. B. Harrington, Jr.; Secretary of Student Work, Miss Amey Womble; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. R. H. Mann, Jr.; Secretary of Childrens Work, Mrs. Russell Mann; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. W. E. Moses; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Hugh Hunter; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. Albert L. Cox; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Glenn Matthews. Publicity, Mrs. K. S. Harmon. Circle Leaders: Mrs. C. A. Hamilton (Julia Hamilton), Mrs. Eugene Gibson, Mrs. Allen Gibson, Mrs. Russell Mann, Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. T. C. Black. Wes-



leyan Service Guild: President, Mrs. W. L. Bishop; Secretary, Miss Joyce Harrington; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Pegram.

The pastor's report to the fourth Quarterly Conference held September 27, 1950 shows that this year had seen much physical progress on the Jonesboro charge. At Jonesboro the Educational Building was completed; new and modern equipment had been purchased for the Educational Building; the kitchen completely equipped for service at a total cost of \$595.12, paid for by the women of the church. The kitchen furnishings committee were the following: Mrs. L. P. Cox, Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Mrs. S. T. Cox, Mrs. W. E. Moses, Mrs. Glenn Matthews and Mrs. J. L. Covington.

The pastor's study was furnished by the Wesleyan Service Guild.

A complete set of Mass Tower and Sanctuary Chimes were installed by E. S. Cox in honor of Mrs. E. S. Cox and daughter, Virginia E. Cox.

In the list of officers of the church for the year 1950-51 we find these additional names: President of Youth Fellowship, Helen Patton; Stewards: W. H. Campbell, Hugh Hunter, Sam Davis; Church Board of Missions and Church Extension, Mrs. L. P. Cox, Miss Bess Barnes, Mrs. T. C. Black, Zeb Harrington and Carl Foushee; Church Board of Education, John D. Pegram, L. L. Thomas and Mrs. A. L. Isley.

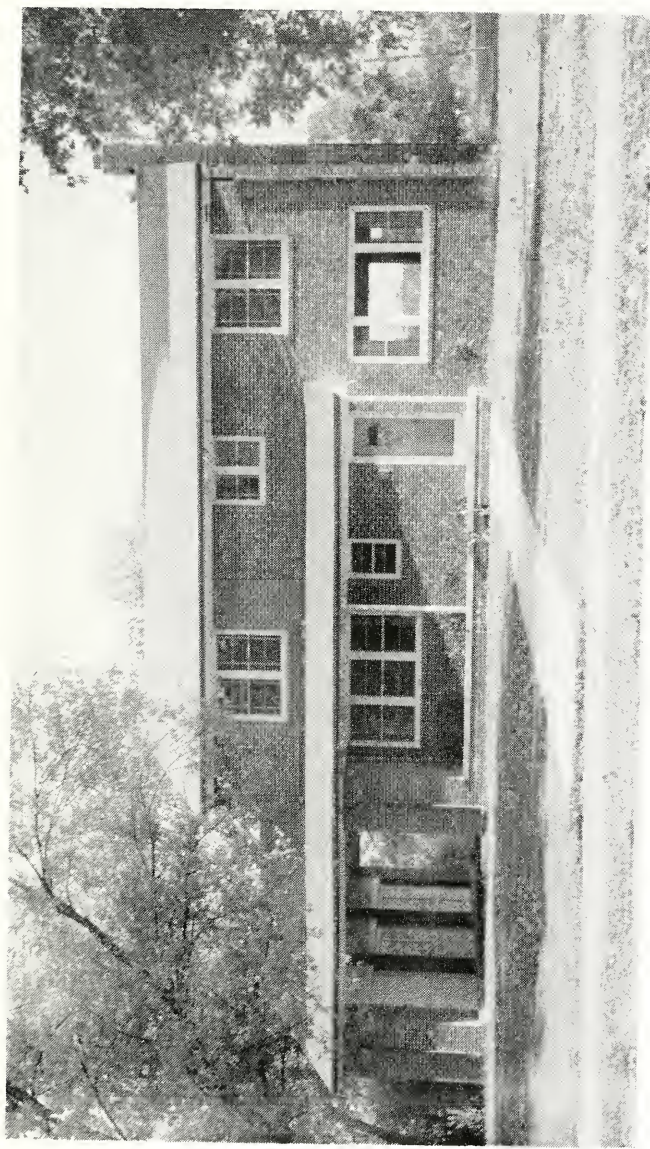
The minutes of the first Quarterly Conference held January 21, 1951 show that the plans made by the pastor this year were to emphasize the evangelistic program of the church and continue to work on the program in the Church School, as it was now completely organized ac-

cording to the plan for a standard school. The pastor's salary for the current year was \$4,000 Jonesboro apportioned \$3,000, Lemon Springs, \$1,000.

The minutes of the fourth Quarterly Conference of 1951 show that the budget was paid in full. In this same Conference Mr. Lipscomb reported the total Sunday School enrollment 385, average attendance 250.

Officers of 1951-June 1952: President Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Vice President, Mrs. Marvin Vick, Jr.; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. S. T. Cox; Recording Secretary, Miss Bess Barnes; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Covington. Secretaries of Work: Spiritual Life, Mrs. A. B. Harrington; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. B. R. Avent, Jr.; Student, Miss Amey Womble; Children's, Mrs. Russell Mann; Youth, Mrs. Vann O'Connell; Literature, Mrs. W. E. Moses; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Hugh Hunter; Status of Women, Mrs. O. A. Zachary; Supply, Mrs. Sam Davis. Circle Leaders: Mrs. Hasty Campbell, Mrs. B. J. Mann, Mrs. S. W. Womble, Jr., Mrs. Glenn Matthews, Mrs. Albert L. Cox. Home Circle Leaders: Mrs. T. C. Black, Mrs. C. H. Von Canon, Mrs. R. L. Robertson. President, Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. W. L. Bishop; Vice-President, Miss Vivian Avent; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Pegram; Spiritual Life, Miss Cornelia Avent; Missionary Education, Miss Sarah Godfrey; Christian Social Relations and L.C.A., Miss Edythe Wyche; Promotion Secretary, Miss Flora Wyche; Supply Work, Mrs. Estelle Pruitt, and Mrs. Edward W. Cox.

In a general meeting of the Woman's Society held in November, 1952, Mrs. C. A. Hamilton (Julia Hamilton),



JONESBORO PARSONAGE AS BUILT DURING PASTORATE OF REV. T. M. VICK, JR.



chairman of church dining room silver ware made an unusually good report in which she stated that a complete service for serving the tables had been bought at a cost of \$177.26. Total budget for the Woman's Society was \$729.

The officers of the church for 1951-52 were the same as the previous year except we find that Janet Harrington had become the President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and S. W. Womble, Jr. had become Superintendent of Sunday School. The following are listed as the Church Board of Education: S. W. Womble, Jr., Mrs. Marvin Vick, Jr., Sam Davis, O. A. Zachary, Glenn Matthews, Mrs. L. P. Cox, L. L. Thomas, Janet Harrington, John L. Mann and Mrs. A. L. Isley.

The minutes of the first Quarterly Conference held February 17, 1952, show that John L. Mann, was recommended to the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for license to preach; license granted.

This year the Jonesboro Church adopted the Unified Budget plan and accepted a budget of \$17,488 which represented an increase of 100% over the budget raised four years ago in this church. References to the need of a new parsonage are found in the minutes of the Quarterly Conference from the beginning of Mr. Vicks's pastorate.

At a called session of the Quarterly Conference June 29, 1952, the building committee and the Board of Trustees of Jonesboro Church were authorized to build a new parsonage. The revised plans drawn by Albert L. Cox were approved by the congregation in official church session on June 15, 1952.

The Board of Trustees of the Jonesboro Church were authorized to secure a loan from the National Bank of Sanford not to exceed \$30,000 for the purpose of building

a new parsonage. This same board was also authorized to sell the old parsonage to O. A. Zachary for \$550, the buyer to move the parsonage away.

The building committee appointed was S. W. Womble, Jr., chairman, Mrs. W. R. Hartness, Jr., Mrs. Russell Mann, John B. Lipscomb, Miss Flora Wyche, L. L. Thomas, and L. P. Cox.

The contract for building the parsonage was given to L. P. Cox Co. The building was begun in 1952 and completed in 1953 at a cost of \$22,300.

The minutes of the fourth Quarterly Conference held September 3, 1952, show that the Official Board as per General Conference, 1952, had been adopted for the church.

During this pastorate the Jonesboro Church received \$1,000 from the executors of Mrs. Eliza Harris' estate, when it was settled. This being her request.

The bronze plate on the secretary in the Wesley Workers Bible Class room bears this inscription, "A Memorial to Mrs. Eliza M. Harris."

Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1952-53 were the following: President, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; Vice President, Mrs. B. J. Mann; Recording Secretary, Miss Bess Barnes; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Moses; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Covington; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. S. T. Cox; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. B. R. Avent, Jr.; Secretary of Christian Social Relations—L.C.A., Mrs. Hugh Hunter; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. Vann O'Connell; Secretary Children's Work, Mrs. T. M. Vick, Jr.; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. A. L. Campbell; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs.



Herbert Mann; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Sam Davis; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. O. A. Zachary. Circle Leaders: Mrs. W. H. Campbell, Mrs. Eugene Gibson, Mrs. Sam Womble, Jr., Mrs. Harold Mann, Mrs. Carl Foushee. Home Circle Leaders: Mrs. T. C. Black, Mrs. C. H. Von Canon, Mrs. R. L. Robertson. Wesleyan Service Guild: President, Miss Flora Wyche; Vice-President, Miss Vivian Avent; Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Martin; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Pegram; Promotion Secretary, Miss Cornelia Avent; Missionary Education, Mrs. D. L. Cox; Spiritual Life, Miss Sarah Godfrey; Christian Social Relations and L.C.A., Miss Edythe Wyche; Supply, Mrs. W. L. Bishop.

The total budget for the Woman's Society \$729.

At the close of Mr. Vick's fourth year the Annual Conference, 1952, appointed him to Mebane Church in Mebane.

### THE PASTORATE OF REV. W. J. NEESE

Rev. W. J. Neese came to Jonesboro in November, 1952, by assignment of the Annual Conference. He had served as pastor of the Ellerbe charge from 1947 to 1952. He is a native of Graham and is ever alert to all the interests of the church.

On December 22, 1952, the parsonage family moved into the new parsonage which is a commodious structure and modern in every respect.

In the meeting of the first Quarterly Conference, held January 18, 1953, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Neese, thanked the membership of the church for the spirit of kindness and cooperation which had been made manifest by the people since his coming in November.

The Treasurer's report to this same Conference shows \$3,000 had been paid on Jonesboro's indebtedness.

The officers of the church were the same as previously reported in 1951-52 with the following change: President, Methodist Youth Fellowship, John L. Mann.

Organization of the Official Board 1953: Chairman, Commission on Evangelism, W. L. Bishop; Chairman, Commission on Education, J. B. Lipscomb; Chairman, Commission on Missions, Miss Sarah Godfrey; Chairman, Commission on Finance, L. P. Cox.

An open house was held at the parsonage on Sunday, April 12, 1953, with approximately two hundred persons visiting the home.

The records for the year show that the various Commissions of the church met regularly and functioned well, despite the fact that it had taken some time to become acquainted with the new organizations.

Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Conference year (WSCS) running from June 1953 to June 1954 were: President, Mrs. L. L. Thomas; Vice President, Mrs. B. R. Avent, Jr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Womble, Jr.; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Moses; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Covington; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. S. T. Cox; Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, Miss Alice Green and Mrs. W. J. Neese; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Harold Mann; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. L. P. Cox; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. Vann O'Connell; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. B. J. Mann; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Alton Campbell; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Sheldon Harrington; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. C. H.



Von Canon; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. Russell Mann. Circle Chairmen: Mrs. C. C. Foushee, Mrs. Eugene Gibson, Mrs. A. B. Harrington, Mrs. Glenn Matthews, Mrs. Carl Foushee. Home Circle Leaders: Mrs. T. C. Black, Mrs. C. H. Von Canon, Mrs. R. L. Robertson, Miss Bess Barnes.

Wesleyan Service Guild President, Mrs. Johnnie Harrington; Vice-President Mrs. W. L. Bishop; Recording Secretary, Miss Edythe Wyche; Treasurer, Mrs. John D. Pegram; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. F. E. McLeod; Chairman Missionary Education, Miss Sarah Godfrey; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Miss Vivian Avent; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Miss Ruth Martin.

Budget for the Woman's Society was \$729.

Delegate to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in 1953, Mrs. A. B. Harrington.

The following note is given on this meeting of the Conference at Rocky Mount:

"The N. C. Conference WSCS, at its annual meeting in Rocky Mount, N. C., March 1953 recommended a bill against pari-mutuel betting, to be brought before the 1953 session of the State Legislature."

At the first separate Conference School of Missions and Christian Service, held at Duke University in August, 1954, this firm and unrelenting stand against pari-mutuel betting was reiterated and reenforced by another recommendation as follows:

"In the light of this stand of our Conference, in line with the pronouncements of The Methodist Church, and in order to avoid any appearance of evil the Conference Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and the Conference Secretary of Status

of Women, recommend that the churches and woman's societies in our Conference refrain from using money-making methods of games of chance, such as turkey or cake raffles, bingo parties, etc."

The recommendation is given in full because it shows the women of the North Carolina Conference in their School of Missions came to grips with a situation which should be of vital concern to all church people.

Gifts to the Carrie Womble class room in 1953 were: Sallman's Head of Christ, by Mrs. E. J. Burns (May Womble), Drapery, by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Peele, in memory of Miss Johnnie May Peele.

On Sunday morning, August 30, 1953, this item was found in the Church School bulletin:

"Today the members of the Wesley Workers Bible Class are honoring their teacher, Mrs. L. B. Sasser, whose interest in and cooperation with this class has endeared her to its members through the years. Today this class is presenting to its class room, in honor of Mrs. Sasser, a handsome picture of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. This is an appropriate presentation, since the class is named for John Wesley."

One thing of considerable importance in 1953 was the purchase of an old fashioned organ by the Wesley Workers Bible Class from Mrs. H. Pat Nixon. This organ, in a good state of preservation, was first used in the sanctuary of the Memphis Methodist Church, near Broadway.

One of the outstanding achievements of the first year of the Rev. Mr. Neese's pastorate was the receiving of 28 persons into the church as a result of the United Evangelistic Mission.

In the first Quarterly Conference, held January 3, 1954, the following officers were reported: Trustees, L. P. Cox, C. B. Patton, J. D. Pegram, L. L. Thomas, W. L. Thomas;

Stewards, T. C. Riddle, B. R. Avent, B. R. Avent, Jr., W. L. Bishop, W. H. Campbell, C. N. Castleberry, Dr. M. C. Covington, L. P. Cox, Carl Foushee, Albert L. Cox, S. T. Cox, J. B. Lipscomb, Russell Mann, C. B. Patton, R. L. Robertson, W. L. Thomas, Zeb Harrington, Herbert Mann, Sam Womble, Jr., Glenn Matthews, J. D. Pegram, E. S. Cox, A. Paul Rosser, J. L. Covington, Sam Davis, Hugh Hunter, Raymond Mann, Jr., R. C. Payne, L. L. Thomas, O. A. Zachary; Church Treasurer, Russell Mann; Secretary Church School, R. L. Robertson; President, Methodist Men, K. S. Harmon; Superintendent, Church School, Sam Womble, Jr.; President, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Milton Mann; Counsellor, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Mrs. A. L. Isley; Assistant Counsellor, MYF, Miss Helen Patton. The Commission chairmen remained the same as for the previous year except we find that Mrs. A. L. Isley had succeeded J. B. Lipscomb as Chairman of Education.

Students attending Methodist Schools: Duke University, Seth T. Cox, Jr.; High Point College, John L. Mann.

The Methodist Men's Club, formed in December, 1953, was chartered on May 24, 1954, with District Lay Leader, J. N. Gibson, Jr., of Gibson, presenting the charter.

Officers of the organization are K. S. Harmon, President; A. Paul Rosser, Vice President; James Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer; E. S. Cox, Reporter. Directors: Dr. Cade Covington, H. W. Hunter, Carl Foushee. This new organization of men is indicative of the progress being made by the Jonesboro Church.

In January, 1954, the pastor stated to the Quarterly Conference that local expenses had been paid as they came due and \$2,500 had been paid on the indebtedness at Jonesboro.

In March, 1954, a Christian Workers School was held at the Jonesboro Church with all the Methodist churches in this area participating. The teachers in this school were: Dr. J. E. Hillman, of Raleigh; Dr. A. J. Walton and Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of Durham.

On April 4, 1954, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Neese, announced that the Wesleyan Service Guild had presented a film strip projector and screen to the church for its use.

The last wedding ceremony at the Jonesboro Church (while the church was in Fayetteville District) was on Sunday afternoon June 27, 1954, when the Rev. W. Junius Neese officiated at the wedding ceremony of Miss Norma Margaret Cox to Edgar Wesley Calloway.

This church joined others in the Conference in the Church Attendance Crusade, which began in January and continued through Easter.

The members of the Board of Stewards of Jonesboro Church voted August 23, 1954, to adopt a rotating system for the elected stewards. Albert L. Cox, Dr. M. C. Covington and John Barr Lipscomb were appointed a committee by T. C. Riddle, chairman, of the Board of Stewards, to submit a proposed plan for installing a rotation system, and make a report to the board at the regular monthly meeting in September.

On September 27, 1954, Albert L. Cox, chairman of the committee, submitted a proposed plan for installing a rotation system for elected stewards, made the following report:

To make provision for those Stewards with a record of faithful service who have reached the age of seventy-two (72) years, we recommend that all such Stewards, if they so desire be elected "Honorary Stewards" as provided in the Discipline. These "Honorary Stewards" shall not be subject to rotation.

We further recommend that the rotation system for the remaining twenty-seven (27) members of the Board of Stewards be established as follows:

1. That six (6) slips of paper shall be labeled 1955, seven (7) slips of paper shall be labeled 1956, seven (7) slips of paper shall be labeled 1957, and seven (7) slips of paper shall be labeled 1958. That all these slips of paper shall be properly folded, so that the dates thereon are not visible, and placed in a suitable container for complete mixing and withdrawal as hereinafter described.

2. That the Secretary shall then call the roll in alphabetical order. Each time a Steward's name is called an impartial person will withdraw one slip of paper representing the Conference Year when that Steward will relinquish his place on the Board of Stewards.

3. That when a Steward relinquishes his place on the Board of Stewards he will be replaced on said Board of Stewards for at least one year.

4. That a Steward, who has been removed from office by this rotation plan, shall be eligible for re-election to the Board of Stewards after being out of office for one full year. Nothing in this provision is to be construed to be a guarantee of election when one becomes eligible for re-election.

5. That at the beginning of the 1956 Conference Year seven (7) new Stewards shall be elected to replace the six (6) Stewards whose terms of office will expire at the close of the 1955 Conference Year. A similar procedure shall be followed for succeeding years.

6. That nothing in these recommendations shall be construed to mean that annual elections of Stewards not be held. The Discipline requires that Stewards be elected annually for a one (1) year term. After the initial period required for establishing this rotation plan, those persons who are elected Stewards will be eligible for election for four (4) consecutive years if duly elected each year by the Quarterly Conference.

7. That any person who is called upon to complete the unexpired term of office for a Steward shall not serve beyond the next Annual Conference Session unless duly elected for such office by the Quarterly Conference.

8. That if this plan is adopted a true copy of the same be included in the minutes of this meeting.

This report was signed by all three members of the committee and was unanimously adopted by the Stewards at this meeting.

A Church Conference was called for Sunday, September 5, 1954, following the morning worship service, for the purpose of considering an important matter. There had been recent discussion among some of our members concerning the advisability or inadvisability of petitioning the North Carolina Conference to make our church a Station church—that is, separate it from any other church on the charge. At the last meeting of the Official Board on July 26, a majority of the members, present and voting, expressed themselves as being in favor of so petitioning the Conference, subject to the approval of the members of the church and the Quarterly Conference. Thus, on the first Sunday in September the members of the church had an opportunity to vote their convictions in this matter. According to the regulations of the church, only those who are members of the church and 18 years of age and older are eligible to vote.

The members of Jonesboro Methodist Church voted Sunday, September 5, 1954, to become a full time church. At a church conference session, held immediately after the morning worship service, the members voted to ask the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church to put it on a full-time basis.

At the present time Lemon Springs Methodist Church is a part of the Jonesboro Charge. However, under a plan proposed at an earlier date by Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, Lemon Springs

church would be placed on a charge with two other churches in this vicinity.

Final action will be taken on this proposal by the Annual Conference session which meets in Raleigh, October 27-31.

Delegate elected to the Annual Conference: E. S. Cox, Jonesboro Church. This is the seventh consecutive year that Mr. Cox has served as a delegate.

The following officers were elected to lead the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1954-55; Mrs. Alton Campbell, President; Mrs. B. R. Avent, Jr., Vice President; Miss Florrie Matthews, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Covington, Treasurer; Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. Glenn Matthews and Mrs. W. J. Neese, Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. Harold Mann CSR and LCA; Mrs. L. P. Cox, Student Work; Mrs. Vann O'Connell, Youth Work; Mrs. B. J. Mann, Children's Work; Mrs. C. N. Castleberry, Spiritual Life; Mrs. S. G. Harrington, Literature and Publications; Mrs. C. H. Von Canon, Supply Work; Mrs. Russell Mann, Status of Women. Circle Chairmen: Mrs. C. C. Foushee, Mrs. C. B. Patton, Mrs. George Bortz, Mrs. M. C. Covington, Mrs. Edwin Foushee. Home circle: Mrs. J. M. Lloyd (Ruth Porter), Miss Bess Barnes.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Miss Sarah Godfrey, President; Mrs. W. L. Bishop, Vice President; Mrs. F. E. McLeod, Promotion Secretary; Miss Edythe Wyche, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. D. Pegram, Treasurer; Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Co-ordinator; Miss Vivian Avent, Spiritual Life. Miss Ruth Martin, Secretary of Missionary Education; Miss Frances Buchanan, CSR and LCA; Mrs. Furman Knight, Supply; Mrs. Johnny Harrington, Status of



Women; Miss Flora Wyche, Membership; Miss Cornelia Avent, Literature; Mrs. J. A. White, Publicity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS, OCTOBER 1, 1954

## GENERAL OFFICERS

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pastor .....                       | W. J. Neese        |
| Superintendent .....               | S. W. Womble, Jr.  |
| Secretary .....                    | R. L. Robertson    |
| Associate Secretary .....          | Russell L. Mann    |
| Superintendent of Literature ..... | Mrs. C. A. Godfrey |

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Superintendent . . . . . Mrs. B. J. Mann  
Associate Superintendent . . . . . Mrs. C. A. Godfrey  
Nursery Home Department . . . . . Mrs. Albert L. Cox  
Mrs. R. H. Mann, Jr.  
Superintendent Toddlers Class . . . . . Mrs. W. L. Bishop  
Helpers . . . . . Mrs. Roger Thomas  
Mrs. James Stephens  
Nursery . . . . . Mrs. A. J. Dixon  
Mrs. Willie Spivey  
Superintendent Kindergarten . . . . . Mrs. W. J. Neese  
Associate Superintendent . . . . . Mrs. B. J. Mann  
Teachers:  
Kindergarten I . . . Mrs. W. J. Neese, Mrs. Margaret Worthy,  
Miss Mary Ann Polk  
Kindergarten II . . . Mrs. B. J. Mann, Mrs. Shelton Dowdy  
Superintendent Primary Department . . . Mrs. Carl Foushee  
Pianist . . . . . Mrs. J. B. Lipscomb  
Teachers:  
1st Year . . . . . Mrs. C. N. Castleberry, Mrs. Howard Coile  
2nd Year . . . . . Mrs. Russell Mann, Mrs. Carl Foushee  
3rd Year . . . Mrs. A. B. Harrington, Mrs. J. B. Lipscomb  
Superintendent Junior Department . . . Miss Ruth Martin  
Pianist . . . . . Miss Lorace Jones  
Teachers  
1st Year IV Grade . . . . . Mrs. J. L. Cashion

2nd Year V Grade .....Miss Ruth Martin  
3rd Year VI Grade .....James Stephens

## YOUTH DIVISION

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Superintendent .....          | W. H. Davis             |
| Teachers:                     |                         |
| B. R. Avent Boys' Class.....  | B. R. Avent             |
| President .....               | Bobby Wood              |
| Intermediate Department ..... | Allen Dew, Carl Foushee |
| Senior Department .....       | Arnold Medlin           |
| Older Youth Department .....  | Clyde Foushee           |

## ADULT DIVISION

Superintendent . . . . . O. A. Zachary  
Teachers:  
    Amey Womble Class . . . . . Miss Amey Womble  
        Associates—K. S. Harmon, Miss Mary Dew  
President . . . . . Raymond Mann, Jr.  
Pianists . . . . . Miss Margaret Kelly, Mrs. Baxley Gibson  
    Wesley Workers Bible Class . . . . . Mrs. L. B. Sasser  
        Associates—Mrs. J. P. McDavid, Miss Alice Green  
President . . . . . Mrs. L. P. Cox  
Organist's . . . Mrs. C. H. Von Canon, Miss Claudia Harmon,  
                                Mrs. W. C. Wilson  
    Mayme Gibbons Bible Class . . . . . Miss Mayme Gibbons  
                                Associate—Mrs. T. C. Black  
President . . . . . Mrs. J. A. White  
Pianist . . . . . Miss Thelma Harrington  
    Carrie Womble Class . . . . . Mrs. S. W. Womble  
                                Associate—Mrs. R. L. Peele  
    Mecca Bible Class . . . . . A. L. Isley  
                                Associate—O. A. Zachary  
President . . . . . Albert L. Cox  
Pianist . . . . . Milton Mann  
Adult Home Department . . . Mrs. S. T. Cox, Mrs. T. C. Black

The names of many people who served the Sunday School well and for many years, and deserve to be mentioned do not occur in the available records; however, the

following are some of the teachers that could be recalled: Miss Lizzie Bell Avent, L. H. Gibbons, Mrs. J. D. Pegram (Annis Worthy), Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Mrs. D. B. Buchanan, Miss Flora McDonald, Mrs. J. R. Dalrymple, Mrs. J. K. Hunt, Mrs. C. H. Campbell, J. E. Brinn, D. W. Maddox, Mrs. J. W. Bradley, A. R. Kelly, D. F. Harris, J. R. High, H. L. Stone, Miss Hazel Copeland, W. F. Veasey, Mrs. W. C. Stroud, Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, Miss Lyde Humber and W. L. Thomas.

W. H. Hinson is the Scoutmaster for the Jonesboro Troop 982, sponsored by the Amey Womble Class. Reorganized on August 15, 1954, the troop has 24 members; meetings are held in Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, October 24, 1954, R. Barry Beard, District Commissioner, presented the charter to Class President R. H. Mann, Jr. Officers are Van Talley and Charles Trebuchon, Jr., Assistant Scoutmasters; and the following Troop Committee: Raymond H. Mann, Jr., J. B. Gibson, Harold Mann, Carl Foushee, Van Talley, Edwin Foushee and Charles Trebuchon, Jr.

On October 25, 1954, a called session of the Quarterly Conference was held at Jonesboro Church for the purpose of approving a rotation plan for the elected Stewards of this church. A resolution was presented to this Conference by Albert L. Cox for its action and determination, setting forth in detail the plan and method proposed. The plan was adopted by the Conference.

On this same date, immediately following the Quarterly Conference the Stewards held their regular monthly meeting. The drawing, as mentioned in the proposed plan for rotating Stewards was made. The plan will be effective beginning with the 1954-55 Conference year.

Growth in membership and Sunday School enrollment has kept pace with building progress. Present membership is 520 with a total Sunday School enrollment of 445. The pastor's salary is now \$4,000, travel expense \$500. The total budget is now \$17,203.

Jonesboro Church was made a station church by action of the Annual Conference held in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, N. C., October, 1954.

At this same Conference Jonesboro Church was placed in the Burlington District, which is one of the two new districts formed this year, changing Jonesboro Church, for the first time in its history, from the Fayetteville District. District Superintendent, is A. P. Brantley.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations: B. R. Avent, J. D. Pegram, L. P. Cox, and L. L. Thomas had requested the Annual Conference to return Rev. W. J. Neese for another year. Request granted.

The Annual Conference meeting in Raleigh, N. C., October, 1954, assigned Rev. W. J. Neese for full time pastorate at Jonesboro Church.

In the fourth Quarterly Conference the pastor's salary was fixed at \$4,000, travel expense \$500. Tentative budget for Jonesboro, 1954-55, \$17,500.

Now that Jonesboro Church has been made a station, it is launching out on a program all its own. Its membership recognizes in the new arrangement an opportunity for a great old institution to render still a greater service to Christianity.

#### CHURCH OFFICERS, NOVEMBER 1, 1954

Pastor: W. J. Neese: Trustees: L. P. Cox, Chairman, C. B. Patton, L. L. Thomas, W. L. Thomas, J. D. Pe-

gram. Officers of Board of Stewards: T. Calton Riddle, Chairman, Dr. M. C. Covington, Vice-Chairman; Russell Mann, Treasurer; Carl C. Foushee, Secretary. Stewards: (elected) B. R. Avent, B. R. Avent, Jr., W. L. Bishop, C. N. Castleberry, W. H. Campbell, J. L. Covington, M. Cade Covington, L. P. Cox, Albert L. Cox, S. T. Cox, E. S. Cox, Sam Davis, Carl Foushee, Zeb Harrington, Hugh Hunter, John B. Lipscomb, Herbert Mann, Raymond Mann, Jr., Russell Mann, Glenn Matthews, C. B. Patton, J. D. Pegram, T. C. Riddle, R. L. Robertson, A. Paul Rosser, L. L. Thomas, W. L. Thomas, Sam W. Womble, Jr., O. A. Zachary. Collectors: R. L. Robertson, Clyde Foushee, K. S. Harmon, Harold Mann, M. Cade Covington, Dan B. Robertson, E. S. Cox. Ushers: Glenn Matthews, B. G. Smith, Edwin Foushee, James Stephens, Albert L. Cox, Allen Dew, E. S. Cox, Graydon Foushee. President, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Calvin Haskins.

Director of Music: Mrs. A. Paul Rosser.

Organist: Mrs. C. A. Godfrey.

Pianist: Miss Claudia Harmon.

Choir members: W. L. Bishop, Mrs. W. L. Bishop, Mrs. Jimmy Cox, Mrs. J. B. Gibson, Mrs. W. P. Harrington, Miss Claudia Harmon, Calvin Haskins, Miss Lorace Jones, Glenn David Lloyd, Mrs. Arnold Medlin, Mrs. R. H. Mann, Jr., Russell Mann, Milton Mann, Miss Joy O'Connell, Miss Dulane Oldham, Mrs. Harold Riddle, Miss Ruby Rosser, W. L. Thomas, L. L. Thomas, Mrs. Margaret Worthy, S. W. Womble.

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS, WMS-WSCS-WSG

### HONORARY LIFE PATRONS

| <i>Name</i>                | <i>Presented by</i>            |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Miss Alice Green .....     | North Carolina Conference      |
| Miss Sarah G. Godfrey..... | North Carolina Conference WSCS |

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Miss Sarah G. Godfrey..... | Jonesboro WSG |
|----------------------------|---------------|

### ADULT LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Mrs. C. F. Malloy.....                    | Jonesboro WSCS                |
| Mrs. L. L. Thomas .....                   | Jonesboro WSG                 |
| Mrs. L. P. Cox.....                       | Fayetteville District WSCS    |
| Mrs. T. C. Black.....                     | Jonesboro WSCS                |
| Miss Bess Barnes .....                    | Jonesboro WSCS                |
| Mrs. E. L. Watson.....                    | Jonesboro WSCS                |
| Miss Flora Wyche.....                     | Jonesboro WSG                 |
| Mrs. John D. Pegram (Mildred Pegram)..... | Jonesboro WSG                 |
| Miss Alice Green.....                     | Graham WSCS                   |
| Mrs. J. A. McBryde .....                  | Jonesboro WSCS                |
| Mrs. C. A. Godfrey.....                   | Jonesboro WSCS                |
| Miss Frances Buchanan .....               | Jonesboro WSG                 |
| Mrs. T. M. Vick, Jr.....                  | Jonesboro WSCS and WSG        |
| Miss Vivian Avent .....                   | Jonesboro WSG                 |
| Mrs. W. L. Bishop.....                    | Jonesboro WSG                 |
| Miss Sarah G. Godfrey .....               | North Carolina Conference WSG |
| Mrs. Eugene Gibson .....                  | Jonesboro WSCS                |
| Mrs. Johnnie Harrington .....             | Jonesboro WSG                 |

### HONORARY BABY MEMBERSHIPS (Given in years past)

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Martha Black (Now adult).....   | Jonesboro WMS |
| Sylvia White (Now adult).....   | Jonesboro WMS |
| Sarah E. Stone (Now adult)..... | Jonesboro WMS |

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jerry Fay Clark (Now teen-age)  | Jonesboro WMS              |
| Richard L. Cox (Now teen-age)   | Jonesboro WMS              |
| Sandra Ussery (Now teen-age)    | Mrs. R. H. Mann            |
| Mary Alice Hunt (Now teen-age)  | Mrs. J. K. Hunt            |
| Elizabeth Victoria (Vickie) Cox | Fayetteville District WSCS |
| Sally Lou Vick                  | Fayetteville District      |
| Jane Hunter                     | Mrs. Eugene Gibson         |
| Catherine Ann Vick              | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Eddie Donald Bradley            | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Thomas Hall Sloan               | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Sandra Gray Brunner             | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Sarah Jean Medlin               | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Bryant Adonas Rosser            | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Joan Elizabeth McBryde          | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Joseph Custis Boggs             | Jonesboro WSG              |
| Elizabeth Faustenia Wakefield   | Jonesboro WSG              |

The women of the Methodist churches in China presented three Adult Life Memberships WSCS to Miss Alice Green during the years that she served in their country.



## SERVICE ROLL

Another thing of considerable importance during World War II was the Service Roll of the church. It was through the efforts of Mrs. L. L. Parrish that the names of all the men and women who were in the armed forces were included on the roll which consisted of the one hundred five (105) names listed below:

Herman W. Barber, Thomas C. Black, Jr., John R. Bowman, Leroy Wilson Bowman, Bryant C. Buchanan, F. C. Buchanan, Osborne Boyce, Dan R. Cameron, Martin Cade Covington, Cameron Crowson, Thomas L. Campbell, Tom Crowson, Fred Campbell, Howard L. Cox, Albert L. Cox, A. J. Dixon, George Voliney Doby, Carl C. Foushee, Jr., Clyde H. Foushee, Sam L. Foushee, Edwin Foushee, William H. Godfrey, \*\* William I. Garris, Allen E. Gibson, Charles A. Hamilton, Jr., William S. Hayes, Loin W. Helms, J. L. Covington, Jr., Harold L. Mann, Edward Wilton Cox, J. T. Cox, Jr., J. Ordra Doby, Fred Buchanan, Vesper Cox, Carlton E. Jackson, Jr., Leon Jackson, Leo Jackson.

Harold S. Jackson, Clarence C. Jackson, \* John Alvis Jackson. R. Harold Jordan, Paul A. Kelly, Lawrence H. Kelly, Seldon P. Kelly, Robert L. Lambeth, Benjamin L. Lambeth, Eugene Max Lloyd, John M. Lloyd, Jr., L. C. Mann, Jr., Lindsey Mann.

Shelton W. Mann, Tommie C. Mann, Russell L. Mann, \* Joe Henry Mann, \*\*Glenn A. Matthews, M. Foy McDavid, Claude C. McBryde, Thomas L. Maddox, Hannah Martin, E. Vann O'Connell, Phillip H. McDavid, Fred McDavid, Percy Measamer.

Malcolm Jackson, J. Elbert O'Connell, James Moser Scott, J. T. Stone, Billy Seawell, Hinson Harrington, J. Harry Patton, C. B. Patton, Jr., Robert L. Patton, J. C. Peele, Harold Lynn Peele.

T. Mack Riddle, A. R. Rives, Adonas Paul Rosser, \*\* William C. Sink, \*\* John Quint Sloan, Jack I. Sloan, Ishmael Seawell, Haynes Smith, Leroy B. Strayhorn, \*\* Van Wyke Talley, R. Walker Thomas, John Carroll Thomas, Carl H. Von Canon,

Jr., Lindsey Wilson, W. C. Wilson, Jr., James A. Worthy, William H. Worthy, Samuel W. Womble, Jr., Ben R. Williams, James H. Yarborough, Pat Floyd Thomas, Kenneth Worthy, \* John Tinnin Gunter, Wesley Dalrymple, Marvin Thomas, John Henry Worthy, Wade C. Durham, Ervin Thomas, Talmadge Worthy, Albert Wilson, \*\*Thomas Woodrow Yarborough.\*

Key—\*\*By request. \* Those who gave their lives for humanity, and the right, in World War II.

In recent years the following have served in the armed forces: Linwood Mann, Max Wilson, Graydon Foushee, J. A. Osborne, James Henry Caddell, Jimmy Lloyd, Seth T. Cox, Jr., Charles Lee Mann.

## *A GENERAL SUMMARY*

Now that some of the outstanding events of each man's pastorate have been recorded, it seems wise to record here a few facts concerning this church. The first being, that for seventy-nine years the Jonesboro Church has strived to meet the spiritual needs of this community under the devoted leadership of many able pastors including the present pastor, Rev. W. J. Neese.

For the most part it can be said that the church has been nobly loyal to her pastors, liberal in support of the Methodist institutions, and the missionary spirit and support have abounded.

It can be said, also, that this church furnished inspiration to many of its pastors, who were desirous of advancement in the work.

That Mrs. S. A. Chaffin was alert to the opportunities to serve her church is evidenced by the fact that she served as president of the local Missionary Society for 28 years, following her death Mrs. J. D. Pegram (Annis Worthy), was elected to succeed Mrs. Chaffin, an office she held until 1930.

Mr. Jesse L. Godfrey served faithfully as the first treasurer of the church an office he held until the year 1907. Mr. B. R. Avent was elected in this same year, to succeed Mr. Godfrey, and for forty-three years he served efficiently as treasurer.

In 1950 B. R. Avent, Jr., succeeded his father as treas-

urer, serving 1951-52-53 to be succeeded in 1954 by Russell Mann, who is the present treasurer.

Presiding Elders of the Fayetteville District and visiting ministers of the church were usually guests of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Godfrey at their colonial home near the church. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey were liberal in their support of the church and parsonage.

Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle (former member) first joined this church when his family lived in Jonesboro. Of the early church members he especially remembers the late Mr. and Mrs. Rora Barnes and family, who lived out in the country when the Hoyle family first lived in Jonesboro, but later moved into town to send their children to school. One of their daughters Miss Annie Barnes, married Dr. E. L. Stamey a Methodist minister. Mr. Hoyle has served his church in many capacities. In recognition of his faithful years of service the Quarterly Conference of Bethel Church in Greensboro voted unanimously to name the new Educational Building in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle.

Members of this church who attended the first Methodist National Conference on Family Life held in Chicago in October 1952 were, Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr. and Mrs. Vick.

In the Methodist Church—Jonesboro Church is still playing its part. Miss Sarah Godfrey was a delegate to the National General Assembly held in Cleveland, Ohio in April 1950.

Mr. J. L. Covington, represented Fayetteville District and Jonesboro Church as a delegate to the North Carolina Conference, beginning in 1922. He served as a dele-

gate for 12 years. Mr. Covington also served on the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference from 1930 to 1933.

In the Woman's Work of the Church, Jonesboro Church has furnished many leaders: Miss Belle Worthy was the first secretary of the Fayetteville District, in 1886. Mrs. L. L. Thomas was Secretary of Literature and Publications of the district for one year. Miss Sarah Godfrey was district secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild for three years. She was also secretary of the WSG of the North Carolina Conference for four years. Mrs. L. P. Cox was Secretary of Promotion of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Fayetteville District from 1948 to 1949 when with great regret she resigned because of other duties.

Miss Alice Green (now a member of this church) was a missionary to China in 1912, served until 1943.

In 1943 Miss Green, together with thousands of other American citizens was imprisoned for about seven months. She was repatriated on the Gripsholm in an exchange of prisoners, and arrived in the States in December, 1943.

Mrs. L. P. Cox served as Zone Leader for Chatham-Lee 1946-1947. Mrs. Hugh W. Hunter served as this same leader from 1948 until 1949.

Miss Sarah Godfrey, now serving as Associate Conference Secretary, of Wesleyan Service Guild, was honored as Guild Woman of the Month in the March, 1954, issue of the *Methodist Woman*.

Miss Alice Green has retired from the duties of a missionary. The years have brought to Miss Green a deep

sympathy for and understanding of the problems, frustrations, disappointments the Chinese must conquer, and an interest that will not let her rest while others are not at peace with themselves and their work.

Jonesboro Church is happy for Miss Green. She has been relieved of the load that she has carried so long. At last she can enjoy the activity ahead for her in the local church.

The Wesley Workers Bible Class of the church is collecting photographs of all the former pastors of the church to be hung as a group on the wall of the first floor hall in the educational building.

This class is also collecting photographs of the ministers who have gone out from this church. These will be displayed in the same manner.

After Ministers, W. S. Chaffin, S. V. Hoyle, J. D. Pegram, L. M. Chaffin, T. E. Wyche and L. H. Joyner retired and the families moved to Jonesboro, each man found much happiness in his associations at the Jonesboro Church and with the pastors of Jonesboro, with whom they gathered in their meetings.

Mr. Joyner is the only one now living. He has received from the pastors and members every consideration and appreciation for his unfailing faith and devotion to every good cause.

The others above named rest in Jonesboro Cemetery, where Rev. L. H. Gibbons and Rev. V. A. Royall also Methodist Ministers and members of their families sleep.

Just here testimony is borne to the noble service of the organist and pianists of the church. The women were

untiring in their efforts to provide the best in music for the worship services. They were: Miss Minnie Sloan, Miss Mary Worthy, Miss Mayme Gibbons, Miss Clyde Buchanan, Miss Blanche Godfrey, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey, Assistants: Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Mrs. C. H. Von Canon and for the past two years—Milton Mann. Director of Music: Mrs. A. Paul Rosser.

In conclusion, appreciation is hereby expressed to the following who gave some important information on the history of the church: Mrs. John T. Schaff (Lillian Arnold), daughter of Rev. J. D. Arnold, Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, Miss Nannie P. Hoyle, son and daughter of Rev. S. V. Hoyle, Mrs. D. F. Thomas (Bettie Hinton Kelly), Mrs. R. N. McMillan (Clyde Buchanan), Dr. W. C. Ball, Mr. Donn Michael Farris, Duke University's Librarian, Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Rev. W. J. Neese and members of the Jonesboro Church, Dr. A. P. Brantley, for appropriate Scripture, Mrs. B. W. Sherman (Gertrude Winstead), who promptly responded to my appeal for a typist, and Mrs. W. E. Cox (Grace Kelly), for assistance with proof-reading.

The name of L. H. Joyner appears in this general summary as the only retired minister now living, however; Mr. Joyner, one of the oldest members of this church passed to his reward on June 7, 1954.

This story of the Jonesboro Church has been a labor of love. It is on the part of the writer a love gift to the members of Jonesboro Methodist Church with the earnest hope that this may be to them both helpful and inspiring.

The End.



## STEEPLES

I used to pass by the churches  
Just to see the steeples reaching high up  
toward the sky.  
It was always fascinating;  
And I would stop and look up in the street.

I wished that I could live near one  
And have it for inspiration  
As it would do something to my heart  
I really could not explain.

Some time ago, my wish came true.  
Now—my home is near one.  
I only have to open my front door,  
And there it is across the street.

—Daisy Kelly Cox.

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